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Mayoral candidate U.S. Rep. Jesús "Chuy" García greets people Jan. 8 as he arrives for a campaign event at Playas Nayaritas in Belmont Cragin. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Chicago's Latino voters a key in mayoral race

Will historically unpredictable voting bloc turn out for García or a rival?

By Alice Yin, A.D. Quig and Gregory Pratt
Chicago Tribune

Amid the turquoise walls and sea life figurines adorning a marine-themed mariscos restaurant in Belmont Cragin, a crowd ebbed and flowed around U.S. Rep. Jesús "Chuy" García.

Then the wave of supporters parted as a woman toting a stack of papers flagged down the congressman, who was out campaigning to become Chicago's first Latino mayor.

Hermelinda Flores' eyes reddened as she showed García photos of potholes, abandoned grocery carts loaded with trash, and Modelo beer bottles around her kids' nearby school, Luther Burbank Elementary.

"We are a mostly Latino school of almost 750 students and we have never received help," Flores texted the Tribune later in Spanish. "My words to (García) is that support for Latino schools is needed."

Flores, a Mexican American who's lived in the neighborhood almost 30 years, said she will support García in the Feb. 28 mayoral election because she believes he will deliver the help she seeks. And she was not alone. Throughout García's hourlong appearance in the Belmont Cragin neighborhood — home to Chicago's largest population of Latinos — a sense of frustration with the status quo at City Hall was a recurring theme among constituents, who highlighted fears over crime, struggles to afford housing and eroding quality of life.

"Mayor Lori Lightfoot is forgetting about the Latino communities in her schools," Flores said.

Chicago's Latino community is a historically overlooked

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State Rep. Kambium "Kam" Buckner discusses security and policing with street vendor Gio Lopez as Buckner campaigns in the Little Village neighborhood on Jan. 13. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

> ***"Just because someone shares an identity with me, that doesn't mean that they're necessarily speaking for me."***
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> *— Em Gonzalez, Albany Park resident who works at Liberation Library, a nonprofit that sends books to incarcerated youths*

Clergy, faithful mark Roe v. Wade

Some pray for end to abortion; others mourn loss of rights

By Angie Leventis Lourgos
Chicago Tribune

The minister decorated the church with signs declaring "abortion is a human right" and "be faithfully pro-choice" in preparation for this Sunday's worship service, which will honor what would have been the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

The Rev. Denise Cawley, who once served as an abortion clinic chaplain, said she approaches the day with deep sadness, lamenting the recent loss of reproductive rights across large swaths of the country. Themes of reproductive justice and bodily autonomy will be woven into Sunday's service and hymns and her sermon.

"I believe that everyone has inherent worth," said Cawley, interim minister at Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist in northwest suburban Palatine. "And if I believe that everyone has inherent worth, then I believe that all the people walking around living on this planet deserve health care, so they are best able to make health care decisions for themselves. My faith teaches me this."

About 25 miles away, another pastor plans to highlight the anniversary by praying for an end to abortion. Worshippers at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Elgin intend to celebrate National Sanctity of Human Life Day, which has been recognized by abortion opponents on the third Sunday in January since 1984, when it was

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'I can't be denied if I continue to work'

DePaul's Aneesah Morrow has racked up all kinds of accolades and recognition. A look at how she became one of the country's top basketball players. **Chicago Sports**

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For many who are homeless, O'Hare a refuge

Airport provides place to stay warm and safe during winter months

By Adriana Perez
Chicago Tribune

Norbert Pikula, 77, had been sleeping on a friend's sofa every night for the last six months. But when his friend was admitted to the hospital a few weeks ago, Pikula's fragile world turned upside down and he had nowhere to sleep.

So now he uses his senior citizen CTA pass to ride to O'Hare International Airport and spend the night there. His situation mirrors that of countless other homeless people who sleep at the airport to stay warm and safe during the winter.

"I had no choice," Pikula told the Tribune on Thursday. He was on his way to open a bank account after eating his usual weekday lunch at Providence Soup

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Norbert Pikula, of Chicago, prepares to settle into a chair at O'Hare International Airport, where he spent the night Wednesday. Pikula had been rooming with a friend until his friend was admitted to hospital. As a result, Pikula, who is currently homeless, began sleeping at O'Hare. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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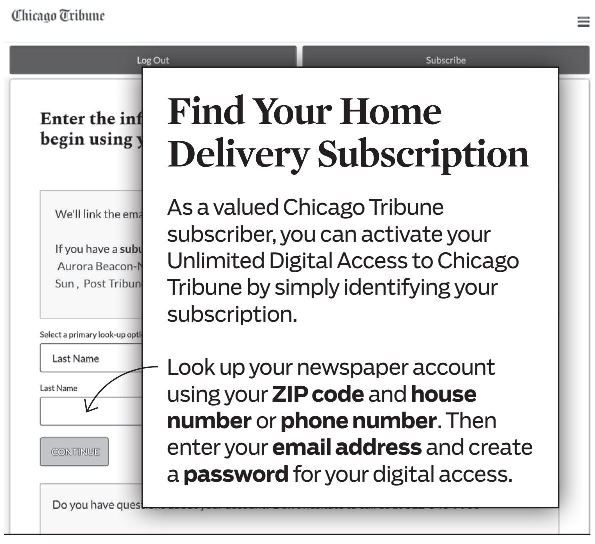

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New prosecutors assigned in case of slaying of off-duty cop

Messy proceedings have dragged on since 2011 shooting

By Madeline Buckley
Chicago Tribune

The Cook County state's attorney's office assigned new prosecutors to try three men charged in the 2011 slaying of an off-duty Chicago police officer amid increasing scrutiny of the decadelong prosecution, accusations of prosecutorial and police misconduct and a tangled battle over evidence production.

During a hearing Friday morning at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, Assistant State's Attorneys Craig Engebretson and Kevin DeBoni told Cook County Judge Erica Reddick that they were trying the defendants in the shooting death of Officer Clifton Lewis, replacing Andrew Varga and Nancy Adduci, who is also the head of the Conviction Integrity Unit.

Lewis was shot and killed by two masked men in December 2011 while working a second job as security at a West Side convenience store. Cook County prosecutors charged Tyrone Clay, Alexander Villa and Edgardo Colon in the case that has dragged on for more than 10 years.

Lewis

Prosecutors allege that Clay and Alexander Villa shot Lewis while Edgardo Colon was their getaway driver.

"The length of time this case has been going on is unconscionable," Reddick said during the hearing, after the newly-assigned prosecutors asked for more time to respond to a defense motion.

A spokesperson for the state's attorney's office confirmed the case had been reassigned to new prosecutors for each of the three defendants.

"Motions alleging prosecutorial misconduct are pending, and the court has not made any rulings," the office said in a statement. "The new attorneys assigned to the case will be reviewing the matter and responding appropriately."

Defense attorneys had in recent months accused Varga and Adduci of deliberately trying to withhold evidence by using personal email addresses — not subject to disclosure under public record laws — in communications with the Chicago Police Department. They filed a motion asking Reddick to levy sanctions against the prosecutors.

The state's attorney's office has not yet filed a response to the motion.

Marijane Placek, who is defending Clay, said the appearance of Adduci and Varga handling the case "was terrible."

"It had to happen," she said of the reassignment.

Clay has been awaiting trial while attorneys have argued over whether his videotaped statements should be shown to a jury. His attorneys have said he couldn't waive his Miranda rights due to "limited intelligence and verbal comprehension."

Reddick last week denied bail for Clay after his attorneys asked her to review the matter, dashing the hopes of his family members, who have maintained his innocence.

Colon is awaiting a new trial after his conviction was thrown out by an Illinois appellate court, which said his constitutional rights were violated when police continued questioning him after he indicated he wanted a lawyer.

A Cook County judge and an appellate court agreed that the statements should be thrown out.

Villa was convicted in 2019 but has not been sentenced and has a pending motion for a new trial.

During Friday's hearing, the attorneys continued to tussle over ongoing evidence issues, with defense attorneys maintaining that police and prosecutors are not properly turning over evidence they need to defend their clients. Prosecutors and city attorneys argued that some of the materials sought by the defense are entangled with a federal investigation and might not be disclosable under federal law, and they told the judge they are going through the documents.

The federal investigation in question, called Operation Snake Doctor, targeted the Spanish Cobras street gang and was done jointly with the Chicago Police Department.

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson shakes hands with inmates at the Cook County Department of Corrections on Saturday in Chicago.
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Jackson shares hopeful message with Cook County Jail detainees

By Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

Jesse Jackson Sr. visited the Cook County Jail on Saturday morning to speak to a gymnasium filled with inmates.

Despite a voice growing quieter in an eight-year battle with Parkinson's disease, the civil rights leader's message of hope rang clear.

"I want you all to plan to get out," Jackson said.

The 81-year-old shook the hands of dozens of the 241 incarcerated men and women in attendance as he was pushed in a wheelchair around the drab white room that became suddenly filled by a band's joyful gospel music.

Visiting the jail after rescheduling his annual Christmas Day trip, the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition founder led inmates in pledges focused on accountability and change.

Jackson was at first seated as he spoke but rose to ask detainees to promise to care for their families, focus on leaving jail, get training for jobs and stay away from guns.

His son, U.S. Rep. Jonathan Jackson, who on Jan. 3 was sworn in for his first term in Congress, held the microphone and gave an arm for support as his father spoke.

"We want to make sure that just because you don't have money doesn't mean you don't have equal rights to justice," the younger Jackson told detainees.

Inmates dance to live music Saturday at the Cook County Department of Corrections in Chicago.

The congressman called on them to reclaim their voting rights, fight for livable wages and focus on looking forward instead of shame.

"Behind these cinder blocks, there is good news for those who are poor and locked up: You won't be here long," he said.

The speakers of Jackson's coalition shared consistent messages of hope, self-worth and individual responsibility. Many inmates shouted their accord in call-and-response. Others got up to dance as the band played Kirk Franklin's "Melodies from Heaven."

"Do not stay where you are," activist Afrika Porter told the incarcerated women filling one half the gym.

"This is only a minute. This is not it for you all, my beautiful queens."

The warm messages stuck with 23-year-old Paul Jones, who is incarcerated at the jail ahead of a February trial.

"It made me feel good about myself and my living situation," Jones said.

He often gets sad about his incarceration, he added.

"It made me feel very uplifted and just gave me hope that I'm going to be home soon, and that this is not the end," Jones said.

Visits like Jackson's make it a better day for everyone in the jail, Cook County Jail executive director Jane Gubser said.

"It does make people hopeful," she said. "When people are hopeless, disasters happen, especially in jail."

The jail has added educational programs and an in-person voting site as part of its efforts to make similarly-focused "humanistic reforms," Gubser said.

Bishop Tavis Grant, who took over as Rainbow/PUSH's acting executive director in September, acknowledged after the event that Jackson now faces a "daily battle" with Parkinson's. Jackson's longtime collaborator said he was proud to see his friend struggle to stand.

"He still has the willpower, still has the thirst and the passion to fight at all costs," Grant said.

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Ill. poised to require paid leave for workers

Employees would be able to accrue five days a year

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

State Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Maywood, speaks at Proviso East High School in 2021. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Paid time off would be a mandatory benefit for Illinois workers under a bill on Gov. J.B. Pritzker's desk that represents the latest high-profile measure passed by the Democratic General Assembly to expand workers rights.

Pritzker has said he plans to sign the bill, which would make Illinois one of more than a dozen states with paid-leave policies. The measure would take effect next Jan. 1 and require an hour of paid leave be granted for every 40 hours worked, with employees able to accrue five days of leave every year.

The bill passed through the Senate and House during the final day of the lame duck session earlier this month.

Proponents say the measure's primary beneficiaries would be low-wage, nonunionized workers. The Service Employees International Union estimates about 1.5 million Illinois workers don't get a single paid sick day through their employer. The SEIU also said the measure would increase statewide income by $1.5 billion.

Detractors raise fears paid leave will adversely affect small businesses that have struggled to stay afloat ever since the COVID-19 pandemic took hold almost three years ago.

It would be the latest perk granted by the General Assembly for Illinois workers.

In November, the state's voters elected to codify the right to unionize in the state constitution after legislators put the question on the ballot. And as of New Year's Day, the statewide minimum wage was raised by a $1 to $13 an hour through a state law that has raised the wage in steps since 2019, when it was $8.25 an hour.

The Paid Leave for All Workers Act applies to workers employed by businesses of any size. The chief Senate sponsor, Maywood Democrat Kimberly Lightford, said during the floor debate prior to a vote that the bill could benefit the 1.5 million workers who "cannot take a sick day without being penalized or losing pay."

"Imagine you're down with the flu, you have a bad cold or even COVID and you are one of these millions of people. You have to consider if you're going to risk getting your co-workers sick or risk not being able to put food on the table," Lightford said.

"Why should a person have to think for just a second if they were (at) risk (of) losing their job or losing wages if they stay home to take care of themselves or a loved one? Don't we think that should be a basic human right?" she asked.

State Sen. Jason Barickman, a Bloomington Republican whose last day as a senator was the night of the vote, countered that the bill could be detrimental to small business owners.

"They're the mom-and-pop shops that are the lifeblood of the economic engine of our state, and while they have continued to try to do their best as they've navigated through COVID, historic levels of inflation and otherwise, I think it's important to put in context the role that they play in our communities," he said.

"They put our people to work, and we need to make sure that we are supporting our small businesses and our small-business employers. And this legislation unfortunately goes in the wrong direction for that."

Employees would face fines or other civil penalties if they violate the measure. It would not apply to municipalities, such as Chicago, that already have policies on paid sick leave.

Unused paid leave could be carried over annually, but there's no requirement for employers to grant more than 40 hours of paid leave in a 12-month period. Employers would be allowed to grant more than 40 hours of paid leave time a year.

The legislation would benefit nonunionized workers employed in factories, warehouses, restaurants and in other working-class professions, according to Wendy Pollack, director of the Women's Law and Policy Initiative at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, which supported the legislation.

"This was very important to them because so many of them don't even get an hour of paid leave of any kind, whether it's sick leave, whether it's vacation leave," Pollack said.

Audra Wilson, president and CEO of the Shriver Center, said lack of a paid-leave policy has a disproportionate, negative impact on Black and brown workers.

"Many of them are living in multigenerational homes. So, you're talking about folks who already had to be subjected to the public and the pandemic," she said. "They were coming to work sick, unfortunately, if they contracted COVID because they did not have paid time off. You had individuals who had to struggle to figure out what to do with their children when our kids were home for a year."

A 2020 report from the Illinois Economic Policy Institute said 179 countries — the United States not among them — mandate paid sick leave for workers. Illinois' policy would allow workers to take time off for any reason, not just to recover from an illness.

Citing some of the arguments voiced by Barickman, the National Federation of Independent Business opposed the bill, noting how many small businesses, especially those with five to 10 employees, have yet to recover from the pandemic.

Chris Davis, the group's state director, said these businesses have struggled with supply-chain issues, inflation and finding workers. Mandatory paid leave would be "one more tax imposed on them by the state of Illinois that's just going to be difficult to manage," Davis said.

"Now they've been forced by the government to implement their solution that the government thinks is best rather than what's really best for the employer and employee," he said.

He said employers are sympathetic to workers forced to make a difficult choice about going in if they're sick or have another issue, but that those situations should be worked out with employers.

"They consider their employees a part of the family," he said of small-business owners. "They're also best positioned to work with that employee to come up with a solution on an event-by-event basis to determine what enables that employee to meet their personal needs, but would also keep the business open to the public to meet their customers' needs and to keep the business operation moving forward."

Davis said his group plans to host seminars and webinars to help businesses understand how to implement the new requirements.

Mark Denzler, president and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, said his group initially opposed the bill, but shifted to a neutral stance as negotiations progressed over a proposal several years in the making.

Supporters initially wanted at least seven paid leave days, and there was also a "stacking" proposal that would have allowed municipalities that already have paid leave to add the state's required five days to those already granted.

But both sides eventually agreed to the five days of annual paid time off a year, as well as a policy that would be applied to all 102 Illinois counties, without a stacking provision.

The day after the bill passed through the General Assembly, Pritzker issued a statement lauding the legislation.

"Working families face enough challenges without the concern of losing a day's pay when life gets in the way," the governor said. "I'm looking forward to signing this legislation and giving a safety net to hardworking Illinoisans."

Denzler acknowledged the perk of the paid time off not being limited to just sick leave if it's signed into law.

"It's Friday afternoon and an employee wants to play golf or go see their son or daughter at school. Because it was sick time, the employee would fake being sick," Denzler said. "We should let them use it for anything. If they want to go to their kid's school, if they want to take their kid to the doctor, if they have to go to the doctor, if they want to go golfing, let's give it to the employee to use however they want."

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Confidential settlement reached in case over Banks' estate 8 years after death

By Shanzeh Ahmad
Chicago Tribune

Ernie Banks in his Cubs uniform in 1955.
CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO

Almost eight years later to the day of legendary Chicago Cubs player Ernie Banks' passing, a confidential settlement was agreed upon over his estate, according to a news release.

The announcement was made Friday, a few days before Banks' eighth death anniversary on Jan. 23. Banks, known worldwide as "Mr. Cub," passed away in 2015 at the age of 83.

Soon after his death, his estate was tied up in litigation after Elizabeth Banks, the widow of Ernie Banks, contested his will citing undue influence and incapacity. The will stated that Regina Rice, a longtime friend of his, was the executor, trustee and sole beneficiary.

Elizabeth Banks and his three children were not named in his will, Linda C. Chatman, of Chatman Law Offices, who represented Rice in the estate case, said.

Rice said she and Elizabeth Banks have "come to a resolution and compromise" and can now move forward in a positive light on behalf of Ernie Banks. She said she is still the executor and trustee of the Ernie Banks' estate, and "a beneficiary."

Rice said she couldn't explain further how the will changed from naming her the sole beneficiary to a beneficiary or say who else was named as a beneficiary because of the terms of the confidential agreement.

"Ernie Banks' 2014 will and trust remains in full force with Regina Rice as the executor of his estate and trustee of Ernie's Trust," Chatman said. "As trustee, Regina will continue to control and manage the trust, including any use of Ernie's name and likeness."

Rice said she met Ernie Banks "around 2002, 2003" and stayed "very good friends" up until his passing. She found out in 2014 that he had named her in his will, she said.

Elizabeth Banks was married to Ernie Banks at the time of his death, but the two had been separated since 2007, Chatman said.

Elizabeth Banks was represented by Garofalo Law Group. Requests for comment from Garofalo Law Group were not immediately returned Friday.

"Chicagoland, his fans, we want them to know — because it wasn't a pretty picture — and we just want them to know that it's been settled," Rice said. "It's been peacefully settled. Everybody agrees with the terms, and we want to move on and highlight Ernie's name and likeness and share a very optimistic direction with his legacy because he was a good man. Once you start talking to people about him, you see why he was just a good man. It's very unfortunate that it had to go through this period, but we're in a different place now."

Rice said she is a producer on the upcoming film, On Smoother Dirt, which is in preproduction and will depict Ernie Banks' early life. The film doesn't have a release date yet, Rice said, but filming is set to begin soon and she is hopeful for a 2023 release.

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Blinken: Putin has lost what he wanted in Ukraine

US Secretary of State speaks at Institute of Politics

By Rick Pearson
Chicago Tribune

Making a brief visit to Chicago on Friday, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said while Ukrainians have suffered tremendously, Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine has inflicted "extraordinary damage" on his own citizens and military and that U.S.-led sanctions will take a dramatic toll on Russia's economy.

"The question that one would really love to ask the Russians if we could speak more directly and clearly to them is, 'How is what Putin is doing in Ukraine, how has that changed your life for the better? Has it done a single thing that makes you better off?' " Blinken said.

"Putin has already lost in terms of what he was trying to accomplish. What he was trying to accomplish was to erase Ukraine and topple (Ukraine President Volodymyr) Zelenskyy, erase Ukraine as an independent country, subsume it into Russia. That has failed. That can't succeed.

"Where that settles is a profound question, and what damage is done in between now and then, we don't know."

But Blinken, speaking at the 10th anniversary of the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics, insisted that international coalition support against Russia's aggression has "grown consistently stronger" in spite of a current dispute between the U.S. and Germany over sending tanks into Ukraine.

Germany has indicated it will not send its Leopard tanks to Ukraine or let other countries with its tanks do so unless the U.S. agrees to send Ukraine its M1 Abrams tanks. The U.S. has said there are no plans to send the tanks to Ukraine, given the costs for training and maintaining them.

"We just sent Ukraine a large number of Bradley Fighting Vehicles, which are basically light tanks," Blinken said. "The French have done some of the same. The British have actually sent them combat tanks. Others are looking to do that.

"They need to be able to maintain them and they've got to be able to use them effectively. All of that goes into these decisions."

Blinken said the U.S. government has sent Ukraine more than $30 billion worth of military support and about $60 billion in overall aid, including humanitarian assistance. Europeans have done "much the same," he said.

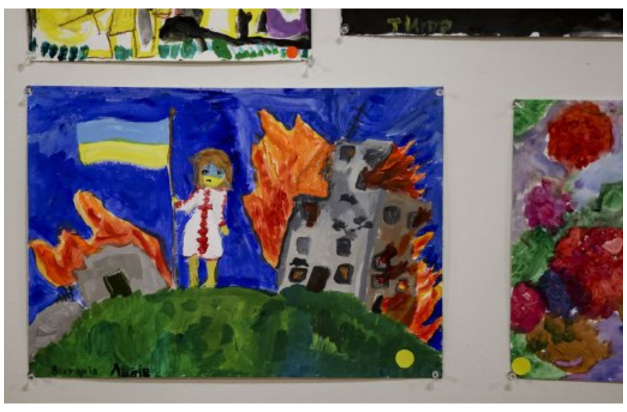
Blinken's comments came in an interview with the institute's founder, longtime Democratic political consultant David Axelrod. Blinken was a fellow at the institute in 2017.

Earlier Friday Blinken held a roundtable discussion with leaders from the Ukrainian diaspora at the Ukrainian Cultural Center and toured the "Children of War" exhibit of children's art at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art.

"I think the first reaction you have, if you have children, is: These could be my kids," Blinken, the father of two young children, said of the art exhibit.

"What if this was my kid? And what Putin is trying to do with the daily assault is to anesthetize all of us to normalize this, for people to basically say, 'OK, this is happening and we just accept it.' That's what we really have to avoid.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, center, and Sen. Dick Durbin tour the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art in Chicago on Friday. The museum is hosting an exhibit titled "Children of War." **SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**



"Children of War" artwork from Ukrainian children on display at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art in Chicago.

"We have to make sure that we collectively continue to make clear that, no, this is not normal. This is not acceptable. And if we allow this to go forward with impunity in Ukraine, then you open a Pandora's box, where would-be aggressors around the world will say, 'I can get away with it.' "

Blinken, who is scheduled in coming weeks to go to China for high-level talks, also expressed concerns that China is taking a more aggressive stance in asserting sovereignty rights over the democratic engagement of Taiwan rather than continuing the current status quo relationship over the island territory.

"They say, 'This is a sovereign issue for us.' Our response: This is an interest to the United States and to countries around the world," he said. "If something happens with the actions (China) takes, 50 percent of every container ship that is moving around the world every day goes through the Taiwan Strait, 70 percent or more of the computer chips manufactured in the world … are manufactured in Taiwan.

"If that gets disrupted, the entire world economy will suffer."

China, he said, was the leading world competitor to the U.S., "but competition is one thing. Conflict is another. And it's strongly in our interest to make sure that even as we compete very, very vigorously, we avoid competition veering into conflict."

Blinken hailed U.S. foreign policy under the Biden administration as one of reengagement and rejuvenation of alliances and partnerships.

"We're in a better place in the world than we were," he said.

Still, he acknowledged the chaotic U.S. withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan in February 2020, following a Trump administration agreement, was fraught with problems and is being subjected to a high-level review in advance of a likely investigation by the new Republican-led U.S. House.

Still, Blinken said, Biden "ended the longest war in American history and the result of that is that there will not be future generations of Americans going to fight and die in Afghanistan. I think that's a good thing."

Blinken also said warnings of a resurgence of terrorism emanating from Afghanistan have not been borne out and that the U.S. has been "able to get" terrorists there who pose a threat.

But Blinken also noted the Taliban has been "either unable or unwilling to make good on things they said it would do" when it made human rights and other commitments to the U.S. and others in the international community after taking over Afghanistan.

That, he said, starts with "making sure that they were actually protecting the rights of all Afghans, including women and girls. That has been a dramatic step backwards and we're working to deal with that as best we can."

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Referendum to change Waukegan to city manager government halted

By Steve Sadin
For News-Sun

As lawyers argue whether petitions to place a referendum to change Waukegan's form of government were filed in the proper place, a move to transfer the day-to-day operations of the city from the mayor to a city manager remain in limbo.

The three-member Municipal Officers' Electoral Board of Waukegan on Wednesday at City Hall gave its first consideration to an objection to a petition that would let voters decide if the city should switch to a council-manager government, giving lawyers an opportunity to put their pleas in writing. After Patricia Ludwig, a representative of Waukegan Forward — a group devoted to opposing those blocking progressive measures in the city — filed 242 pages of petitions Jan. 3, Waukegan Ald. Sylvia Sims Bolton, 1st Ward, filed a formal objection to the effort Jan. 10.

Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski, the attorney for Ludwig — the principal proponent — and Ed Mullen, representing Bolton, said to the board by telephone they wanted to submit written arguments for consideration before presenting them orally.

Ald. Gregory Moisio, 3rd Ward, the board chair, said the initial brief was due Friday, with responses submitted Monday and any additional replies Tuesday. The board will consider the parties' positions at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at City Hall.

Normally the board consists of the mayor and the city's two most senior aldermen — Moisio and Ald. Edith Newsome, 5th Ward — under Illinois law. Since Mayor Ann Taylor recused herself from the proceeding, city clerk Janet Kilkelly sat in instead.

"I have removed myself before a date was set," Taylor said at Tuesday's City Council meeting. "I am not going to be part of the committee."

One of Taylor's initial campaign promises more than two years ago was moving the city to a managerial form of government. She was a strong proponent of a measure by the City Council to place a city manager referendum on the April 4 ballot. It was defeated 5-4 on Dec. 19.

The council initially wanted to place three referendums before the voters. Along with the question of hiring a city manager, the voters would have been asked to retain the city's wards and keep the council's size at one member per ward. Moisio voted in favor, Newsome against.

While the board will make a decision — possibly as soon as Wednesday — whether to grant or deny the objection, Moisio does not believe its action will be the final word. He anticipates an appeal.

"Whoever loses will take this across the street to a judge," Moisio said, referring to the Lake County Court. "We are not trained legal minds, and this is a lot of legalese. At the end of the day a judge will make the decision."

Bolton wrote in her objection the petitions were not filed properly under Illinois law, nor were they filed in the Lake County Court asking a judge to allow the petition, as state law requires. She said the petitions were those required for advisory referendums, not binding ones.

Though Bolton said 80% of the petitions' signatures did not come from Waukegan voters, Moisio said the board cannot consider that argument because it was not contained in the written objection.

"We can only look at what's in the objection," Moisio said. "That's the only evidence we look at."

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Highland Park council hopefuls focus on healing

July 4 shooting shapes agenda for candidates

By Gavin Good
Pioneer Press

Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering, center, and city council members applaud during a July 25 council meeting for the efforts of first responders at the Independence Day parade mass shooting. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Incumbents Tony Blumberg and Adam Stolberg are among six Highland Park City Council candidates running for three open seats this spring, with at least one new member set to join the panel after Michelle Holleman opted not to run for another term.

The City Council elections are taking shape as Highland Park continues to come to grips with the Fourth of July parade shooting in which seven people were killed and dozens injured.

Each candidate — some who were at the parade — spoke about their commitment to doing everything in their power to help lead the city's recovery and shared priorities, including reinvigorating the city's downtown, improving sustainability and continuing to develop intelligently while adding affordable housing.

Blumberg said he had planned not to seek another term, but friends and supporters told him the city needed his help in the recovery effort. He said constructing a permanent memorial and helping those affected "indirectly, in ways that are unexpected" are key priorities, and that "it's important to make myself available."

"I want to run because I want to provide some institutional knowledge," he said "I want to run because of the need for stability as we're coming through this."

Blumberg said his connection with Highland Park remains deep after raising his children there and observing how the community has evolved.

"One of the concepts in development that has worked in recent years is improving foot access and making it easier for local residents to get into the downtown," he said. "Increasing residential opportunities immediately around the downtown is very important, and we've seen that happen."

Stolberg has been a council member since winning a special election in 2017 after Paul Frank won a seat on the Lake County Board. He is the president and chief executive officer at Advantage Management, a property management firm he cofounded after about 15 years of working at the Park District of Highland Park.

He said the council, "wanted to make sure that we did everything right" in the months following the tragedy, noting that people saw things "most people outside of a war zone don't see."

"We're still involved in (the response) to this day, and will be for many years," Stolberg said. "We set up enough of the right facilities and opportunities for people who are grieving to get the help they need, the counseling they need, someone to talk to.

"It didn't just stop when the sun went down on July 4. For most people, that was just the beginning, and they're experiencing all sorts of post-traumatic issues, loss and fear."

He said the City Council is "involved so heavily now in a level of service" he never expected, but its core priorities are still there. Stolberg also said the council has made important investments in public safety, infrastructure, "community vibrancy" and capital projects, including a new fire station.

Sharon Narrod, a former bank manager who also worked as a teacher in Highland Park and Mundelein, said she felt the time was right in her life to "devote the kind of attention to be a responsible, fully functioning" council member.

"I (do not) just judge from the outside, and I think that really describes me, quite frankly," she said. "I don't jump to conclusions. I don't have many knee-jerk responses to things."

Narrod said she has a "supreme interest" in examining the city's expenditures — and seeing "what parts of the community benefit or don't benefit from those expenditures" — and working to address any inequities in investment.

"I know a lot of people from all different areas of the city," she said. "There's a perception by some residents that the focus is always on what's east of the tracks or the focus is always on those who afford whatever it may be, whether it's an increase in real estate taxes, where the money goes for construction or there are neighborhoods where flooding is a big issue."

She said she would like to see the city's affordable housing efforts "as expanded as reasonable" so people can afford to stay in the community instead of moving out.

Highland Park Sustainability Advisory Group Chair Kelly Nichols, the manager of advocacy and engagement for Chicago nonprofit Respiratory Health Association, said she has the right mix of experience with organizing, policymaking and community engagement to serve the city.

"I've always been a person who embraces the idea that change starts from information and gathering data, then making intelligent decisions about the best future for our community," she said.

Nichols said her involvement in the community has grown through her time working on sustainability with the advisory group over the years and is particularly focused on improving the city's "climate resilience" and its ecological footprint in the coming years.

She shares goals of improving the city's downtown appeal and would like to see Highland Park be a community where people growing up there, including her own kids, feel happy to stay close to home and make their lives in the area.

"I would really love to see the ability for Highland Park to have a little bit more of a downtown area that people are as excited to hang out in as they are in Highwood," Nichols said.

The two other candidates, architect Yumi Ross and realtor and Ravinia Brewing co-owner Jeff Hoobler, also want to bring new life to the city's downtown, which has a range of retail and food options but has not been immune from the same challenges other Lake County communities have faced.

Ross said she wants to bring her "architect's eye" to the city's design and planning efforts, and that her tenure as a District 113 school board member and frequent volunteer in the community has uniquely prepared her for City Council.

"I feel I bring a crucial new voice to City Council, but all the more impactful as a new voice because it's a voice grounded in excellent, deep experience in the community," she said.

As the president of the Art Center Highland Park, Ross said she also understands how the city can maintain its healthy arts scene and ensure the arts can be a "huge economic multiplier."

Hoobler said the City Council has lagged on supporting small businesses as neighboring communities like Lake Forest, Glencoe and Wilmette attract new and thriving businesses.

"(We have) a big downtown business district area, but I think altogether eight different, small-business areas where you can have these little pockets of restaurants," he said. "What tends to happen is when you get a good operator, you set them up for success by making it easy for them to open and giving them the things they need, (and) they're successful."

He said the city must do everything in its power to "make the process easy" to attract businesses, then keep in touch about important issues. He said he wants to ensure that young families in particular have representation, pointing out that he has a child in elementary, middle and high school.

"(The council) is just not thinking the same way a person who had a 2-year-old might, or a person who has an eighth grader might, or a person who has a high schooler might," he said.

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Homeless

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Kitchen in St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church.

According to a report from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, an estimated 65,611 people experienced homelessness in Chicago in 2020, an estimate different from that offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development because it takes into account people living doubled up or temporarily staying with others.

And while sheltering at the airport isn't new, said Jessica Dubuar, director of health and specialty services of Haymarket Center, which has conducted outreach operations out of O'Hare to address homelessness in public transportation since 1990, the steadily increasing number of people doing it is.

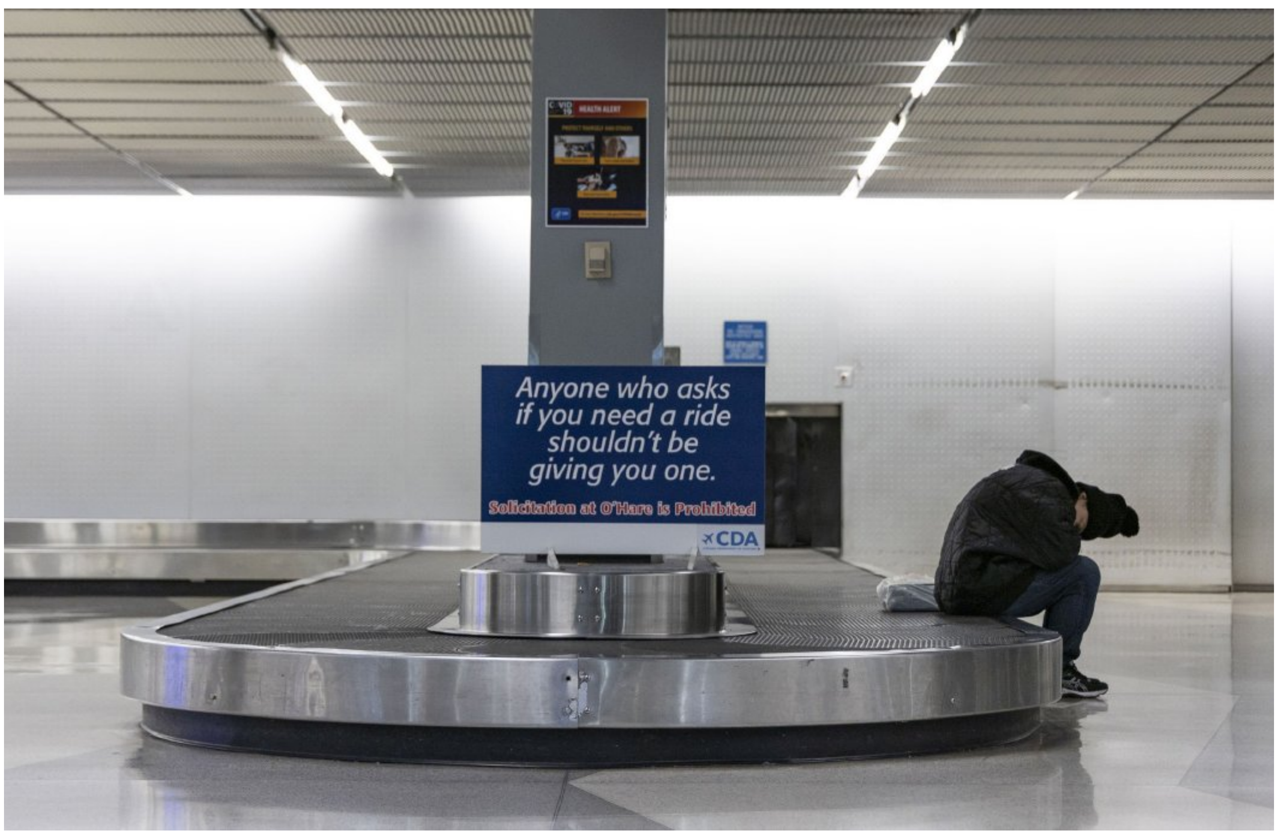
"We saw over 600 unique individuals that we engaged with. We also had almost 14,000 encounters with them throughout the calendar year," she said. Compared with previous years, that number illustrates an uptick: In 2021, there were 11,196 recorded encounters. In 2020 — the beginning of the pandemic — saw 12,270 encounters. In 2019, they recorded 9,975 encounters. In 2018, it was 8,132.

"This is not a new situation at the airport. It's one that many organizations and city departments have been aware of and have been devoting resources to for 30 plus years," Dubuar said. "As the years have gone on, we definitely see a pattern of the number of folks who are coming to the airport — I would even just call it a spike in the numbers of folks that we're seeing at the airport when the weather turns cold."

Advocates offer a couple of reasons for why more people are seeking shelter at O'Hare. Sarah Boone of the Chicago Housing Initiative who created a GoFundMe to help Pikula raise money, said there are three realities facing the homeless population right now: the number of beds in homeless shelters was decreased at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and never restored, migrants who have recently arrived in Chicago are increasingly using homeless shelters as well, and homeless shelters across the city are overwhelmed.

And on the ground at O'Hare, workers offer another possible explanation. Jessy Pearl, a Transportation Security Administration agent who works at the airport, said she has noticed an uptick in the homeless population sheltering there since Delta Air Lines moved out of Terminal 2 and into Terminal 5.

"There's more homeless people — more activity is concentrated at Terminal 2, since there's less passenger traffic," especially in the early afternoon, Pearl told the Tribune. "I've worked at the airport long enough to know that more homeless people have been around the CTA and arrivals area ever since the pandemic started. More so lately, since Delta moved to Terminal 5."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A homeless person sleeps inside the Terminal 2 baggage claim at O'Hare International Airport on Thursday.
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Norbert Pikula, front, outside St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Chicago on Wednesday.
TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

According to a statement by the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA), which manages O'Hare, the department is "aware of the increasing population of unsheltered individuals at O'Hare International Airport. It's a common occurrence at this airport and airports nationwide when temperatures drop in the winter months. Airport leadership and staff on the ground continue collaboration with the Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) and their delegate agencies to provide 24/7 outreach to unsheltered residents at O'Hare.

"Outreach professionals engage with individuals experiencing homelessness at O'Hare and conduct needs assessments. If the individual chooses to accept assistance, outreach professionals connect them with appropriate services and shelters, including necessary referrals and transportation. The CDA is committed to working with fellow city departments and community partners to support those in need and connect them with all available resources in Chicago."

Pikula has been sleeping at the airport for the last two weeks or so, said Boone. And he's been carrying around his belongings all day as he moves around the city. "I think it's wearing on him," she added.

Boone said she met Pikula at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Ukrainian Village where free food is offered on Saturdays. Her organization shows up to soup kitchens and places where there's free food to connect homeless people with necessary services in the city and tend to their needs.

"I tried to get him to go to the hospital across the street, because you can go to the ER to call the shelters. And he didn't want to do that because the wait is so long," Boone said. "So we tried calling 311. And he kind of just said he'd prefer to be at the airport than at the shelters. So then I went home and I just thought about it. And I was like, we should do a GoFundMe. I've never done this before. But what if it works?"

With approximately 100 donations, the campaign had raised over $4,900 as of Friday afternoon out of a $9,800 goal.

Pikula said he is looking for a more permanent housing situation than couch surfing or spending nights at O'Hare. He's hoping to find a studio or one-bedroom apartment in Wicker Park, Logan Square, Avondale or Garfield Park. That's where his friends from the soup kitchens he visits live, so he wants to be close by.

A Polish American who grew up in Chicago, Pikula previously worked as a baker and security guard. He is on the waiting list for senior Chicago Housing Authority housing and subsidized Catholic Charities senior apartments. So far, he has had no luck finding a place to live.

During the pandemic, many homeless people turned to the CTA for shelter, and service providers set up at the Forest Park Blue Line station. But as the effects of the pandemic continue to limit housing, needs at the other end of the line also became evident.

Off the Blue Line O'Hare stop, to the left, a sign for the Haymarket Center O'Hare Outreach sticks out of the wall. A man was waiting to go in Thursday morning as he charged his cellphone.

The program assists homeless clients and passengers seeking shelter at the airport. It also approaches issues regarding alcohol and substance abuse, housing and income. Dubuar described what a client may find in the 24/7 office at O'Hare.

"We have a number of resources available on site from, food and coffee, water, hand sanitizer, masks … those things. We also have clothing available, hygiene products and a few other things," she said. "What we'll also do is invite people to come in and sit down and talk to us. And we do a small assessment with them, exploring all sorts of things from health care, mental health care, substance use, benefits and IDs and all of those things."

The O'Hare Outreach program is funded by the Chicago Department of Aviation and carried out in cooperation with the Department of Family Support Services and a host of other community partners, such as shelter providers, substance use treatment providers and — importantly — housing programs.

"The complexity of the (needs of) folks we're seeing has increased and, (in) the number of encounters, that's really where you see that reflected," Dubuar said. "This isn't just a 'somebody needs a sandwich today' and that's it, that's all they needed. Because I think that we have folks, their needs are complex and navigating through these systems is hard and they need as much support as they can possibly get."

While Dubuar couldn't confirm whether there is a more concentrated homeless population in specific airport terminals, she said it's possible that changes in the airport complex layout influence where homeless people spend their time.

"Individuals who come to the airport for shelter do learn the system and do see when there are construction projects or changes to how the space is being monitored with our partners from CPD and the Department of Aviation," she said. "And so it is it is highly possible that there are going to be some folks who are visible because certain areas are under construction or maybe not being monitored as much as possible."

On Friday morning, as the sun rose, a few scattered people in O'Hare's Terminal 2 rustled in their sleep. They were slowly waking up. Some of them might have had canceled or delayed flights. Others, though, were homeless and had sought a warm place to spend the night.

A police officer approached a person who was lying by the windows in the arrivals area of Terminal 2. He asked if they were OK. "Just try not to fall sleep," he said. "Stay awake."

Pikula and other homeless people will likely keep searching for a more stable situation than sleeping at the airport every night. Even as they seek support services, though, continuing to sleep at the airport seems, in Pikula's words, the only option in terms of surviving cold winter nights.

"I'll be honest with you, my life has not been rosy," Pikula said. "It's been a fighting life."

It's hard to say how long it takes, on average, for a homeless person in Chicago to find stable housing, Dubuar said.

"As with most social services, benefits and resources, it's about eligibility and availability," she said. "Sometimes it's a matter of the stars aligning."

Chicago Tribune's Rosemary Sobol contributed.

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A scare replays before his eyes

Man had similar medical incident as NFL player

By Alexandra Kukulka
Daily Southtown

Watching as medical experts administered CPR to Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin after his recent collapse was heart wrenching for Orland Park resident David Nenn, who required the same medical attention over the summer.

Nenn, 49, said he and his wife, Bridget O'Brien, watched in shock during the Bills vs. Bengals game Jan. 2 as Hamlin stood up after a tackle and then immediately fell backward as he went into cardiac arrest.

"It was a little emotional to see it when it happened. It kind of floods back some the things that I went through and Bridget went through," Nenn said.

Hamlin's recovery is credited largely to the immediate response of the medical staff. When Nenn went into cardiac arrest, the doctors gave credit to the bystander who began administering CPR, O'Brien said.

"What saved Dave's life and what saved Damar's life was that the sooner that people can get CPR the better likelihood that they're going to not only live but also not have long term organ damage," O'Brien said.

June 9, two weeks before the couple's wedding, Nenn was rushed to the hospital after suffering cardiac arrest. Since surviving the medical emergency, Nenn and O'Brien have spoken out on the importance of monitoring heart health and learning CPR.

That morning, Nenn, who teaches at Old Quarry Middle School in Lemont, said he went to the Home Depot in Frankfort to buy supplies needed to help a friend with a home improvement project.

The last memory he has of that morning is parking in the store parking lot.

The Buffalo Bills' Siran Neal, cener, and Nyheim Hines react after teammate Damar Hamlin was injured during the first half of an game against the Cincinnati Bengals in Cincinnati on Jan. 2. **JEFF DEAN/AP**

DavidNenn went into cardiac arrest June 9, two weeks before his wedding with Bridget O'Brien. **BRIDGET O'BRIEN**

O'Brien said she got a call from Nenn's phone about 45 minutes after he left the house and thought he was calling to say he forgot something. Instead it was the cashier at Home Depot letting her know Nenn collapsed, someone was administering CPR and an ambulance was on the way.

Initially, O'Brien, who teaches at Liberty Junior High School in New Lenox, said she couldn't believe what she was being told because Nenn didn't appear sick or act unusual that morning.

"He had breakfast and I made his tea like I always do," O'Brien said.

When the paramedics arrived, they used a defibrillator on Nenn in the parking lot and then again as they arrived at Silver Cross Hospital, he said.

The hospital's interventional cardiologist, Dr. Hazem Alhawasli, said in a news release Nenn's labs revealed the front artery of his heart was completely blocked.

At one point, Nenn's heart function was down to 20%, Alhawasli said, which raised concern for loss of brain and lung function.

"In cardiology, every second without heart function is critical to the other organs," Alhawasli said.

Nenn had heart surgery to put in three stents to help blood flow to the heart and other organs, Alhawasli said. Two days after the surgery, Nenn was taken off the ventilator, he said.

"He was starting to talk a little bit, but later that day we had him up and walking a bit," Alhawasli said. "Thankfully, he was showing no signs of damage to the brain or to the lungs."

What helped ensure Nenn's survival, Alhawasli said, was the quick response of the bystander who administered CPR.

Nenn said he finished his cardiac rehabilitation in half the time required because he does not fit the typical profile of somebody with heart problems: he doesn't smoke, he's not overweight and he's not elderly. Nenn said he's active and plays ice hockey, recalling he played a game just a few days earlier.

The couple married as planned June 25, and the only detail they had to adjust for was hiding Nenn's heart monitor, which he had to wear for a few months, under his suit jacket.

They approached the day with a renewed notion that their love and health were the most important part of the day.

"When you're working on a wedding, you get consumed with all these little details that you think are so important. Then, something like this happens and you realize, like, who sits with who at what table doesn't matter," O'Brien said.

O'Brien said what really stuck with her is Alhawasli telling her how important CPR is when someone goes into cardiac arrest. Her mission is to get as many people certified in CPR as possible, she said.

Through her school district and the New Lenox Fire Department, she said she organized four classes where 40 people total learned CPR. The classes are held monthly during the school year, she said, and she hopes to grow the program.

"The more people that can be trained in CPR to be able to help if there's ever a situation is critical," O'Brien said.

Nenn said he encourages everyone he meets to be proactive with their heart health. Silver Cross offers heart scans for $49, according to the news release.

The experience has also solidified his mindset of living life to the fullest, Nenn said.

"You're not promised tomorrow, so enjoy your life. Enjoy your life today because you just don't know," Nenn said.

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player in local politics but is expected to be important in the mayoral race, with García the perceived beneficiary. Despite making up roughly 30% of the city's population, Chicago's Latino voter turnout tends to be much smaller than that of Black and white residents.

In a nine-candidate field, Latinos offer a potential boost for García in his bid to advance to a possible runoff.

García was born in Durango, Mexico, before moving as a boy to what is now the Mexican immigrant enclave Little Village. He became an alderman in 1986, joining a multiracial coalition against the white City Council members who opposed Chicago's first Black mayor, Harold Washington, in what became known as the Council Wars. After he lost his first run for mayor in 2015, García was elected to Congress and has grown his base beyond the Southwest Side.

But whether Latinos come out in force and consolidate around García remains to be seen.

Jason McGrath, a Chicago-based pollster who advises Lightfoot, said he doesn't expect García to inspire a groundswell of support among those who might not otherwise vote, akin to Harold Washington's run for mayor in 1983 or Barack Obama's first presidential bid in 2008.

García has "got to figure out how to win a race with the electorate that's out there. Will there be some that come out because he's on the ballot? Sure," McGrath said. "(But) it's really hard to change the electorate."

Still, García's allies expect the Latino vote to be a key piece of his electoral base.

"It's going to be substantially smaller than the white vote and Black vote, but Chuy's going to do very well," said Frank Calabrese, a political consultant who helped the City Council's Latino Caucus during the ward remap and who said he has advised García's campaign in an unpaid capacity.

Lower voter turnout has made Latinos a less coveted voting bloc for Chicago candidates. The Latino community in Chicago has also been plagued by internal divisions.

Under Mayor Richard M. Daley's administration, the Hispanic Democratic Organization — derisively known as the Hispanic Daley Organization — feuded with García and his allies. Top Latino officials, including U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, supported Rahm Emanuel against García in 2015.

Still, the first round of the 2019 election showed a large number of voters in Latino wards supporting one of their own in a multicandidate field. Of the 12 wards with the highest Latino population, either Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza or longtime public official Gery Chico won all but two in the first round of voting, according to results from the Chicago Board of Elections.

A May 2019 report from James Lewis, an analyst with Rob Paral and Associates who has worked at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Great Cities Institute, studied whether bloc voting is still a reality and found that during the last mayoral election, Latino voters organized themselves most strongly around candidates of the same ethnicity. Mendoza and Chico overperformed with Latinos compared with other demographics.

"In other words, as a group's share of a precinct's population rises, that precinct becomes more likely to vote for a candidate of that group, and vice versa," Lewis told the Tribune.

The problem for Chico and Mendoza in 2019 was that they weren't able to peel off enough support from other blocs to make a runoff. Chico won 6.2% of the vote. Mendoza won 9%. It's a problem García hopes to address with support from progressives, lakefront liberals and Black voters. As the lone Latino in a five-candidate race in 2015, García won 33.5% of the vote in the first round, forcing Emanuel into a runoff.

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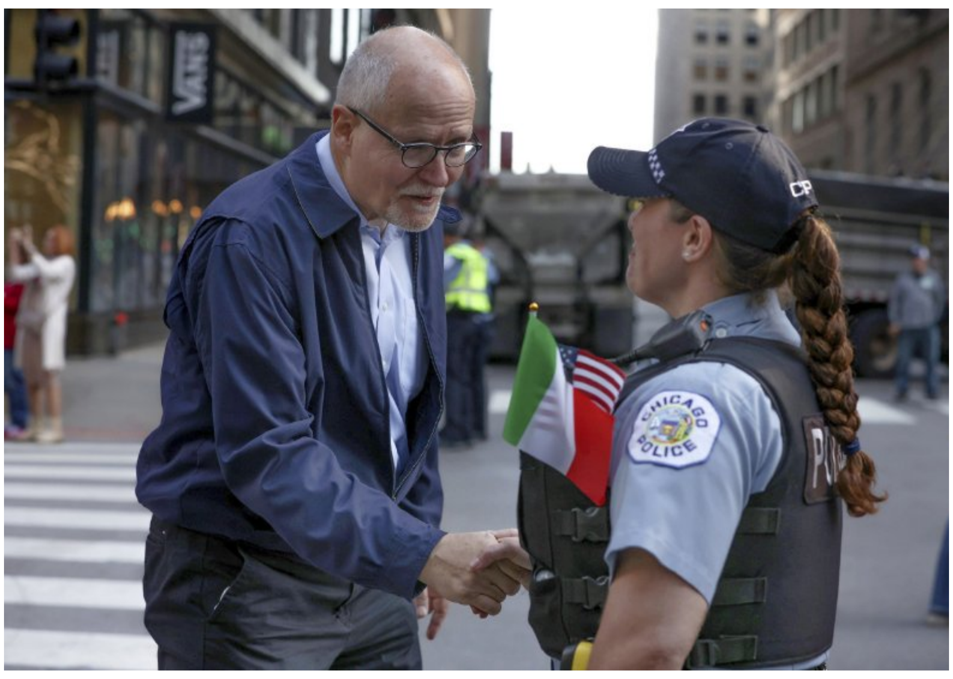
Ald. Sophia King, 4th, hugs fellow candidate Brandon Johnson, a Cook County commissioner, before a candidates forum Jan. 7. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, a candidate for mayor of Chicago, enters a media briefing room following the first televised debate of the race Thursday. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



Mayoral candidate Paul Vallas shakes hands with a Chicago police officer during the annual Columbus Day parade in October. **MICHAEL BLACKSHIRE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

WILSON
FOR MAYOR
WILSON

Mayoral candidate Willie Wilson, left, receives the endorsement of Ald. Raymond Lopez on Jan. 4. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

This time, García is again the only Latino candidate, but other contenders hope they are able to peel off Latino support with their policy plans. Issues most important to Latino voters mirror those important to the average Chicagoan, said Jaime Dominguez, a professor of political science at Northwestern University whose research has touched on Latino politics in Chicago.

"Crime is No. 1," he said, perhaps more so since the recent attacks on street vendors in Little Village.

Dominguez and others point out, though, that older voters — especially property owners — are more likely to support an increased police presence, while younger voters tend to lean more toward police alternatives.

"Second, I think, is the tax relief issue," Dominguez said. According to the Cook County treasurer's office, property tax increases in majority- or heavily Latino wards like the 22nd, 25th, 26th, 30th and 35th, were particularly stark. Higher bills are especially painful for senior homeowners on a fixed income, Dominguez pointed out, and older homeowners are likely to vote.

The third most dominant issue is schools, and concerns over more work stoppages by the Chicago Teachers Union, Dominguez said.

Candidate and former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas said he expects to do well with Latino voters "because of my longtime position on public safety, because of my work in (CPS) and because I'm speaking to an issue right now that is just having a devastating impact on largely the Latino communities: getting just killed by gentrification, with higher property taxes."

He argued that "some of the strongest support for police" comes from Hispanic communities. On property taxes, he said, "it creates a great hardship on immigrant, first-generation and second-generation families" and criticized the city for what he said was "suddenly driving their costs, their property taxes, up significantly with no relationship to their capacity to pay."

On the campaign trail, businessman Willie Wilson frequently highlights his support from some Latino church pastors and often peppers his speeches with declarations that, among other groups, he is Black, white, Polish, Filipino and Latino — a broad statement he hopes will resonate with voters no matter their background.

Wilson, who also received an endorsement from Southwest Side Ald. Raymond Lopez, said his appeal to Latinos will come from his years of philanthropy as well as his "down-to-earth" demeanor that helps him relate to everyday residents. Still, he acknowledged there have been historic tensions between Latino and Black Chicagoans, which he attributes to both communities feeling as if they have been shortchanged by the city.

"It's something that's gonna take time to overcome," Wilson, who is Black, told the Tribune. "I focus on pulling people together. ... We go in and help with a lot of things in the Latino community, same we do to other communities. We treat them all equally. That's the human side of me."

Wilson has also expressed some criticism of the city's handling of migrants bused to Chicago, saying in a debate this month, "We got people right here in Chicago (who) cannot pay rent, don't have food to eat, don't have a place to live. I have nothing against helping anyone, but you got to look at the home first."

At the same debate, Ald. Sophia King, 4th, echoed other mayoral candidates who claimed Lightfoot was ill-prepared to cope with the recent influx of migrants. "Being a sanctuary city is not the problem," King said. "We can't be welcoming to the migrants and not the people who are here in our city already. That is where the tension lies."

Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson touts support from Northwest Side Latinos including Aldermen Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, and Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez, 33rd, and U.S. Rep. Delia Ramirez.

For Albany Park resident Em Gonzalez, supporting Johnson is a no-brainer. The 29-year-old, who doesn't believe policing and incarceration are part of the solution to crime, said the commissioner, who has derided such systems as "wicked," is the clearest choice.

"It's hard, because 'Chuy' García is somebody that is part of my community by proxy of identity," said Gonzalez. "However, just because someone shares an identity with me, that doesn't mean that they're necessarily speaking for me. ... Brandon Johnson aligns more on what would be meeting the needs, specifically, of the Latinx community in Chicago in a way that maybe 'Chuy' García is a little out of touch with."

Candidate and community activist Ja'Mal Green said his record protesting gun violence and entities such as Chase Bank — which ultimately promised to increase mortgage lending to Black and Latino families following his demonstrations — will speak for itself among Hispanic voters, particularly younger ones.

While Latinos are quite familiar with García, Green said, that has become a disadvantage for the veteran politician, who Green claimed was "nowhere to be found" when communities such as Little Village and Pilsen were struggling during the pandemic.

"The young demographic of Latinos who share a big percentage of the vote ... they want change," Green said.

On a recent morning, state Rep. Kambium "Kam" Buckner, another mayoral candidate, walked down 26th Street in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood and spoke about crime with street vendors.

"They're spooked," he later told the Tribune. "They don't know that there's a real plan for their safety. ... They want a balanced approach," including more detectives and funding for community groups and "also making sure that we have, not a co-responder model, but a complete mental health responder model for certain calls." His campaign calls for creation of a "511" line to ensure mental health and crisis specialists are deployed for certain medical emergencies.

King has advocated for increasing the police ranks alongside an more violence prevention services, and told the Tribune crime is resonating with voters across the spectrum. Her public safety plan pledges to address "far longer 911 response times and much lower clearance rates for violent crimes like murders and shootings" in Black and brown neighborhoods. If elected, she has promised to expand the city's program that sends nonpolice professionals to emergency calls involving substance abuse, mental health crises and homelessness.

King has highlighted her work on raising the city's minimum wage and championing the city's guaranteed income pilot — which was offered regardless of immigration status — to Latino voters.

Buckner said he had heard from Latino voters a frustration about the fights between the mayor and CTU. His wife is a first-generation Cuban Ecuadorian American, he said, "so we have a lot of conversations at home about what the community needs. And so I'm really, really positive about the fact that I think that I'm gonna be able to get a considerable amount of Latino vote. ... People are clamoring for leadership."

In a statement, mayoral candidate Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, said he has heard from Latino aldermen and voters that housing affordability is a top concern. "We have to build and designate more affordable housing, and look at programs to offer property tax abatement to homeowners who have been in these neighborhoods for several generations."

Sawyer said he's concerned about the enrollment decline in CPS among Latino students, whose numbers are falling faster than any other group's.

"This is due in part to gentrification displacement, and in part to charter school enrollment," Sawyer said. "Latinx communities need a fix and a boost to public schools as much as any other group in Chicago."

Lightfoot isn't giving up on Latino voters. Her campaign said she has "worked to deliver real, tangible wins for Latinos across Chicago."

"Throughout her administration, Mayor Lightfoot has worked to right systemic wrongs to revitalize communities, support minority-owned businesses, protect immigrants, and build a city government that actually reflects the diversity of Chicago's neighborhoods," Lightfoot spokeswoman Hannah Goss said in a statement. "The Mayor's pandemic leadership ensured an equitable vaccine rollout to ensure Latino communities were protected and helped countless small businesses survive, and she has guided this city with humanity and grace to support the recent influx of migrants being sent to Chicago."

West Lawn resident Bryan Hernandez, 22, didn't follow city politics during the last mayoral election, when he became eligible to vote. He and his wife were focused on taking care of his infant son, and Lightfoot's victory was a blip on his radar.

"I just didn't come around to it," Hernandez said about voting in 2019, adding that a lack of engagement from city leaders made him believe that "Latinos have never really been a part of anything."

But as his son grew, taking his first steps amid the backdrop of a pandemic and crime wave, Hernandez began to fear for his family's future in a city that felt increasingly unsafe. When he turned on Univision this month and caught García's speech unveiling a public safety platform that the candidate said uplifts and doesn't vilify cops, Hernandez decided he would cast his first vote in a municipal election for him.

He hopes other young Latinos will be similarly inspired, quipping that García's background could give him a boost in that demographic.

"He's like an uncle, you can say," Hernandez said.

At the mariscos restaurant, García celebrated the multitude of communities south of the border from which many Chicagoans trace their ancestry. He kicked off his speech with a Spanish greeting for "all the boricua who are here," to sharp whoops and laughter at his nod to the strong Puerto Rican population on the Northwest Side.

"But there are also Columbians, Peruvians, people from South and Central America and the Caribbean — from all of the Americas this afternoon," García said before switching back to English.

García himself said he believes he has an advantage among Latino voters as the only such candidate in the race, "given Chicago's history of ethnic politics and bloc voting."

But he also seemingly acknowledged that isn't enough on its own.

"At the same time," he said, "I want a multiracial, multiethnic, across-geography coalition to win."

Judge sets $1M bail for former cop from Robbins and Dixmoor

Charged with possessing images, video of child porn

By Rosemary Sobol
Chicago Tribune

A former Robbins and Dixmoor police officer possessed child pornography during the time of his employment as officer and was fired from both positions including after a "grooming" incident with juveniles, prosecutors said Saturday.

Tory Bridgeforth, 37, of Chicago Heights, appeared before Cook County Judge Susana L. Ortiz, who set bail at $1 million during a hearing that was livestreamed on YouTube.

Bridgeforth was ordered to have no contact with anyone under the age of 18, including his 12-year-old daughter.

"Mr. Bridgeforth constitutes a danger to any children whatsoever ... his own, children who are virtual, children on the internet ... these are disturbing images," Ortiz said before setting bail. "I do consider them to be crimes of violence."

Bridgeforth has been charged with possession of child pornography videos of victims under 13, possession of child pornography videos of victims under 18, and possession of child pornography images of victims under 18, a statement from the Cook County sheriff's office said.

When police arrested him on Wednesday, he had three cellphones, two of which he declined to give passcodes for, prosecutors said. On the one that was forensically examined, about 19 videos of prepubescent and pubescent child victims were found, as well as 15 images dated from June of 2021 through September of 2022, prosecutors said.

"Of significant note, he was employed as a police officer when he possessed files of child pornography," the prosecutor told Ortiz.

Bridgeforth worked for the Dixmoor Police Department from 2021 to 2022 and the Robbins Police Department in 2019, the sheriff's statement said. Prosecutors said he was terminated from both positions.

Bridgeforth told police he used his cellphone to view child pornography and when investigators examined his phone, there were more than 35 sexually explicit images and videos of children as young as 8, the statement said.

For a "significant period of time," over a one-year period, if not more, there were videos depicting children engaged in sexual activity being sent to and from email addresses and phones numbers and IP addresses that are connected to the defendant, Ortiz said.

Bridgeforth was still working as a police sergeant with Robbins when in December of 2019, he was investigated, though not charged criminally, for grooming and contributing to the delinquency of minors, prosecutors said.

In the July 2019 situation, Bridgeforth responded to a police incident in which he made contact with three kids aged 12 and 13. He picked them up the next day and brought them to a vacant home where he gave them, juice, edibles, alcohol and cannabis before taking them home, prosecutors said.

An attorney who represented Bridgeforth asserted that he has three children, including a 12-year-old daughter who he cares for and who needs a father figure, volunteers for a hurricane relief program, has an associates degree and attended the police academy.

He has no violent history and has one disorderly conduct conviction from 2018.

"This is all a misunderstanding," the attorney said of the allegations against Bridgeforth.

The charges stem from a probe by the Cook County Sheriff's Police Internet Crimes Against Children unit, that received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which found the materials on an email account. After executing search warrants, they found the email belonged to Bridgeforth, the statement said.

Bridgeforth, who could not be reached for comment, is due back in court in Markham on Tuesday.

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Boy, 7, dies after being hit by school bus in Park Forest

By Shanzeh Ahmad and Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

A 7-year-old boy died Friday after he was hit by a school bus in Park Forest, police said in a news release.

The crash happened on the 100 block of Walnut Street about 3:13 p.m. while the bus was taking students home from Park Forest-Chicago Heights School District 163, Park Forest police said. The boy was seriously injured, and his family began lifesaving measures until police and paramedics arrived.

The Cook County medical examiner's office identified the boy as Connor Kasmarski. He was taken to Franciscan Health Olympia Fields Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries, police said. Kasmarski was a Mohawk Primary Center 2nd-grader, school district superintendent Caletha White wrote in a statement.

"He was a joy to all of his teachers, kind-hearted, smart and funny; always with a smile on his face. He will be missed greatly by the Mohawk and District 163 students and educators," White wrote.

The school district and the police department are arranging for counselors to be available over the weekend and at the start of next week for students and staff, according to their statements.

"The men and women of the Park Forest Police Department grieve for the child's family and for the tragic loss of this child's life," the police department said.

The bus involved in the accident is owned by Kickert School Bus Line Inc., police said. Park Forest police are investigating the fatal crash with the Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team (SMART). The bus's driver and witnesses to the crash are being interviewed, police said. The department said Friday night it was too early to say if any charges would be filed in relation to the crash.

Anyone with information related to the accident is asked to call the Park Forest Police Investigations Division at 708-748-1309.

Diana Grasser, of Peru, Ill., browses for the perfect item while visiting the Christkindlmarket in Aurora with her daughters on Nov. 18. **MARK BLACK/BEACON-NEWS**

Christkindlmarket organizers call Aurora event a success

By Steve Lord
Beacon-News

Christkindlmarket officials faced something they've never had before in 2022.

They were forced by weather to close for the last two days of the market, a new experience for everyone involved.

"We have never, ever closed the market early," said Kate Bleeker, German-American Events vice president. "I think maybe we closed for half a day a couple of years ago - never for two days."

But that's what happened this year at all three market locations in the Chicago area, including at RiverEdge Park in Aurora, where the market moved its suburban location for the first time in 2022.

The closure began at 4 p.m. Dec. 22, when temperatures went into single digits and high winds sent the wind chill into the dangerous below zero area. That also forced closure for the final two days of the market, on Dec. 23 and 24.

It affected all three of the Christkindlmarket locations, not only in Aurora, but in downtown and Wrigleyville in Chicago.

"It was really sad to close it," Bleeker said. "To not have that big finale of the last two days, it was a hard decision."

As it was, officials at the Aurora Civic Center Authority, which ran the event, said 141,191 patrons passed through the gates at RiverEdge Park during the 23 days the market was open.

Bleeker said it was hard to analyze how that attendance compares to past years because of the new location and the two-day cancellation. But when asked if officials considered the first year in Aurora a success, she said, "absolutely."

"The site there is so adorable," she said. "It was pretty good for a first year market. It's a number we'll see growing. We're very, very happy."

Marissa Amoni, manager of the Aurora Downtown group, said while it's tough to quantify what the market meant for downtown Aurora, she said merchants and other downtown officials were happy with it.

Mark Hogan, owner of Tavern on Broadway, 24 N. Broadway, about four blocks south of RiverEdge Park, said while his bar and restaurant "didn't see a huge increase" due to the market, people who came in were talking about it.

"It got very positive reviews," Hogan said. "It certainly didn't hurt."

Bleeker pointed out that in addition to being a first-year market in Aurora, all events are still in a kind of "post-pandemic era." The RiverEdge site dovetailed well into that, she said, because vendors were able to spread out and have a lot of space between the different areas.

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Abortion

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designated by President Ronald Reagan.

Yet this Sunday marks the first observance of its kind since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June, ending federal abortion protections and leaving the matter up to individual states.

"Now it's a whole new reality, that Roe v. Wade is not the law of the land," said Steve Maske, a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pastor who serves at Good Shepherd. "So that's a good thing to celebrate. But unfortunately, the state of Illinois in essence is a pro-abortion state. So there's still work for Christians to do to support life."

Across the Chicago area and the nation, people of faith will be commemorating the Jan. 22 anniversary in disparate ways, often in accordance with their religious and moral beliefs on abortion.

Catholic bishops and priests from around the Archdiocese of Chicago held an overnight Vigil for Life beginning Thursday evening and culminating early Friday at St. John Paul II Newman Center Chapel at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The 12 hours of prayer followed by early morning Mass were part of the National Prayer Vigil for Life, an annual event to "pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life."

Teens from Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Naperville traveled to Washington, D.C., to take part in the National March for Life on Friday. They plan to meet for their regular youth group on Sunday, to pray the rosary for the end of abortion and reflect on their experiences at the march.

"Even with the wonderful blessing of Roe v. Wade being overturned, which allows more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States of America is not finished," the March for Life website stated.

Yet some contend that abortion restrictions are inherently contrary to their religious beliefs and values.

In Missouri, 13 clergy members from six faith traditions filed a lawsuit Thursday challenging the state's bans on abortion and other various restrictions as unconstitutional, arguing they impose one religious doctrine and violate the separation of church and state.

"Missouri's abortion bans contradict, devalue and disrespect my religious beliefs that the life and health of a pregnant person take precedence over a fetus," said Maharat Rori Picker Neiss, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, in a statement. "Jewish law mandates the termination of a pregnancy if the life of the person carrying the fetus is in jeopardy. The claim that life begins at conception is a statement of theological belief, and that belief is explicitly not a Jewish one."

SIDE WITH LOVE

The Rev. Denise Cawley inside Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist in Palatine on Wednesday. Cawley is decorating the church with reproductive justice messages ahead of Sunday's service. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Living in the Light of Christ

Pastor Steve Maske talks with preschoolers about baptism at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Elgin on Thursday. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

As for Cawley, the 49-year-old minister who lives in Milwaukee said there are many religions that support reproductive choice; for her, legal and accessible abortion is rooted in the core beliefs and principals of Unitarian Universalism.

"Abortion is way more complex than any of us know," she said. "If we offer people a lot more grace and a lot more love — and also trust people to make health care decisions that they need to make — we'd be a lot better off."

Blessings at an abortion clinic

Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. Genesis 2:7

For her sermon Sunday, Cawley had asked worshippers to share their thoughts and stories about abortion, offering to keep them anonymous based on individual comfort.

Cawley also planned to draw on her experience as a chaplain from late 2017 to 2019 at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Wisconsin, where she provided emotional and spiritual support to patients.

There were times when patients had needs unrelated to terminating a pregnancy.

Once Cawley met a 13-year-old pregnant patient who was scared because clinicians had just diagnosed her with a uterine infection; she had to go to the hospital immediately for treatment, but the girl said she was terrified because she hadn't been to church recently, and she believed that if she died at the hospital she would go to hell.

"We can take care of that right now," Cawley recalled telling the girl. "God will forgive you right now for not going to church. You and I can pray right here and everything will be fine and you will be able to go the hospital and get care."

So Cawley, the pregnant girl and her foster mother prayed for forgiveness for her absence at church and that her infection would be healed, just before the patient was rushed to the hospital.

"She was so much more at peace," the minister said. "So that was a blessing, that's what she needed."

Cawley doesn't know if that girl ever had an abortion.

On another occasion, Cawley said she ministered to a Hindu couple who desperately wanted a baby, but the mother suffered from preeclampsia, which threatened her health and life. After the abortion, she asked to see the remains and requested that Cawley bless them. So the chaplain found prayers from the couple's faith and offered a blessing during their time of grief.

"It's too bad we can't put this in someone else who wants a baby, because we can't use it right now," she recalled the husband saying, as he looked upon the remains of the pregnancy.

Cawley said she doesn't think of "the products of conception" as unborn babies; to her they are "a grouping of cells that were in various stages of growth and they were not meant to come to be."

"For centuries and centuries, people have had pregnancies that were not meant to complete, and that don't complete, through various means," she said.

The day the Supreme Court struck down Roe, the minister said she felt as if she had gone back in time. All providers in her home state ceased abortion services, due to an 1849 Wisconsin law that barred terminating a pregnancy except in life endangerment cases.

As of mid-January, a dozen states were enforcing near total-abortion bans with few exemptions; four states had gestational limits that would have been barred under Roe, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports reproductive rights. In two other states, abortion was inaccessible because there were no providers offering the service.

More than 17 million women of reproductive age live in a state without any abortion providers, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

On Tuesday, authorities responded to a fire at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Peoria, which is being investigated as an arson.

Police responded to a report of an unknown person throwing a Molotov cocktail into the clinic, but no suspects have been identified. No patients or staff were inside at the time, but the building suffered significant damage.

"This act of vandalism will have a devastating impact on the community's ability to access the reproductive health care they need and deserve," Planned Parenthood Illinois Action said in a statement.

Cawley said that when she heard the news of the fire, she was "horrified and sad."

The blaze occurred days after Illinois passed reproductive rights legislation to protect doctors and out-of-state patients, as well as to expand the pool of health care providers who can perform procedures. Since the end of Roe, Illinois abortion clinics have reported historic high numbers of patients crossing state lines to terminate a pregnancy here.

"The idea that people now need more money and more time and they have to travel ... I'm just profoundly sad," Cawley said.

Conception to final heartbeat

The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. Isaiah 49:1

Pastor Maske said Good Shepherd has been taking special collections to raise money for a local pregnancy resource center and a maternity home, as part of the Sanctity of Human Life observance, which often extends throughout the month of January.

Members have also made donations to an interfaith food pantry and recently passed out to the homeless community "blessing bags," which were filled with toiletries, food and other necessities.

The pastor said this is part of the mission of supporting "life at any age, from conception to when the heart stops beating."

"And in our prayers this weekend, we'll lift up those who struggle with this sin of abortion, so that brokenness can be relieved by the mercy of Jesus Christ," he said.

The 61-year-old pastor was a child when the Supreme Court decided Roe v. Wade in 1973, establishing the right to an abortion nationwide. He doesn't have an acute memory of abortion being illegal one day and then legal the next.

But even as a child, he said he knew abortion was morally wrong.

"I grew up knowing that abortion was something that was legal but was not right," he said.

Around the time of the anniversary of Roe two years ago, Maske posted a video of a 4D ultrasound on his Facebook page, a clear image of a fetus kicking, waving its fingers and moving its lips in utero.

"Life is a miracle!" the caption read. "Life is a gift from God!"

When the Supreme Court struck down Roe in June, many abortion foes across the country rejoiced. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod believes abortion is against God's word and "is not a moral option, except as a tragically unavoidable byproduct of medical procedures necessary to prevent the death of another human being ... the mother," according to a church statement.

While Maske was encouraged by the ruling, he noted that abortion is still legal in Illinois, even as many nearby states have moved to ban or heavily restrict terminating a pregnancy.

Abortion providers have predicted that after the fall of Roe, some 20,000 to 30,000 additional patients would be traveling each year to Illinois, where the right to an abortion has been protected by state law.

"Locally, in the state of Illinois, it's not different ... than when Roe v. Wade was the national paradigm," he said.

Maske said he and some of his members have on occasion gathered in front of an Elgin abortion clinic to pray, in silent protest.

"It has, unfortunately, not been a regular thing."

He's attended March for Life Chicago in the past, where he was gratified to see a predominantly younger crowd "marching to support life."

"It was great to see the joy of those pro-life marchers," he said.

This was in contrast to a pro-abortion rights demonstration at the event, a group of protesters whom he described as angry and yelling at the marchers.

Maske also recalled counseling those who suffered from guilt and sorrow following an abortion.

"The pain of abortion is unique," he said. "You're taking a human life. And that's a pain that lingers in a person's life."

Yet he added that everyone is sinful and falls short of the glory of God; as a pastor, he's there to "share the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ that covers every sin."

"We still have work to do to protect life, to support life and to protect moms and families that are struggling with this decision," he said. "And to show mercy and forgiveness to those who have struggled with the decision for the last 50 years."

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Nazi concentration camp victims are led through the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp gate in January 1945. **EAST NEWS/GETTY**

Forced to relive a nightmare

In 1977, Skokie was refuge for thousands of Holocaust survivors. Then a group of self-styled Nazis planned a march.

By Ron Grossman
Chicago Tribune

Decades after the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp on Jan. 27, 1945, revealed the magnitude of the Holocaust, an epilogue was witnessed halfway around the world.

"It has come to my attention that on May 1 there is going to be a Nazi parade held in front of the village hall," a member of the public said at a 1977 meeting of Skokie's village trustees. "As a Nazi survivor during the Second World War, I'd like to know what you gentlemen are going to do about it."

By an unlikely chain of events, the fate of a Chicago suburb had been linked to that of Jews who escaped a European genocide.

Until World War II, Chicago's North Shore was largely off limits to Jews. Property deeds provided that they were only to be sold to white Christians. But Skokie had undeveloped land on which homebuilders hoped to capitalize.

So during the pent-up housing demand of the postwar years, those developers got the word out to residents of Chicago's Jewish neighborhoods that Skokie was open to them.

The town's Jewish population grew exponentially. By contrast, in neighboring Evanston, subsequently to become a liberal community, Jews only got property for a synagogue with the aid of Unitarians, who quietly bought it for them.

Meanwhile, Holocaust survivors were looking for someplace to rebuild their lives. Immediately after the war some had returned to their Polish hometowns. But that ended abruptly when more than 40 Jews were killed during a pogrom that began in Kielce and spread to other cities in 1946.

"Reports of apparently systematic attacks on Jews attributed by the government to fascist elements are received every day," the Tribune reported in a dispatch from Warsaw. "They tell of bandits who board trains and trolley cars in suburban districts, strip and rob Jews and drag them away to be murdered."

The U.S. wasn't interested in taking in survivors, so they languished in displaced persons camps — some formerly Nazi concentration camps.

"We survivors had so much trouble to come to the U.S.," recalled Erna Gans, founder of the Skokie Holocaust Memorial, in 1994. "The American authorities questioned and re-questioned us. Our concentration camp guards went through with no problem at all."

When the neo-Nazis announced their march in Skokie, its population was about 60,000, an estimated half of whom were Jewish. Approximately 7,000 residents were thought to be Holocaust survivors. Its mayor said it was largest concentration of Hitler's victims outside of Israel.

Howard Reich, the former Tribune music critic, recalled what attracted survivors, like his parents, to Skokie.

"In this little town, barely 10 miles square, on Chicago's northern border, survivors could find blintzes and bialys at innumerable Jewish delis, buy kosher meats at butcher shops where everyone spoke Yiddish and stroll on High Holy Days to services at storefront shuls without fear of harassment," Reich wrote in Moment magazine in 2010.

That landscape also appealed to Frank Collin as a way to promote his antisemitic ideology. He was the leader of a small neo-Nazi group with headquarters on the Southwest Side and an enigma to his family.

"We don't know how or when it started," Gertrude Hardyman, Collin's grandmother, told the Tribune. "It's a mystery."

Collin's father was a German Jew who survived the Dachau concentration camp, she said.

Skokie's authorities were sure of one thing about Collin: Given the village's demographics, he and his followers shouldn't be allowed to march in Nazi uniforms carrying flags emblazoned with the swastika that flew over Auschwitz.

Ordinances prohibiting that event were quickly enacted. Just as quickly, civil libertarians cried foul.

"As a Jew, I abhor the fuss being raised in Skokie by members of the Jewish ethnic community," Sheldon Waxman wrote in a letter to the editor. "People should know, by now, that free speech defuses the ticking time bomb of hatred."

The Jewish War Veterans organization said they would mount a counter demonstration. Others said that would give the neo-Nazis the publicity they were seeking. Better to stay off the streets.

"But there was a time we were told to stay at home when the Nazis marched through the streets," Gans said. "That won't happen again."

In her youth, the strategy of the European Jewish leaders was to avoid confrontations with Hitler's followers. Eventually the German people would be tired of his antics. Rule of law would be restored, and life would return to normal for Jews.

Instead, the Holocaust followed.

Illinois Gov. Jim Thompson agreed the Nazi march wasn't simply an extension of Collin's constitutional right to freely speak his mind. When the American Civil Liberties Union agreed to represent Collin, a philosophical dispute became a knockdown, drag-out battle.

"It was inevitable that the ACLU would defend the 1st Amendment in Skokie," its director David Hamlin wrote in a Tribune op-ed. "The ACLU is more than 55 years old, and it has defended the 1st amendment vigorously through out its history."

In fact, the organization was simultaneously trying to keep its dirty linen from being aired in public.

Hamlin objected to the release of ACLU files showing that during the red-baiting of the 1940s, its officials "had systematically provided the FBI with information on their own organization and some of its own members." Instead of defending Communists, the ACLU had squealed on them.

Many ACLU members were outraged at the ACLU's defense of neo-Nazis.

"Without the free help of the ACLU these despicable people would be relegated to muttering among themselves instead of seeing the name of their party in the headlines of the major newspapers of the country," a Northfield resident said in a letter to the Tribune. "Therefore I want my name removed from ACLU membership rolls."

By August 1977, 700 to 1,000 local members had resigned, plus 2,000 from other chapters, Hamlin reported. Shortly, he stepped down.

Some objected to the objectors. Congressman Abner Mikva, a prominent liberal who favored banning the march, was chastised by a Northwestern University professor who also, as the Tribune reported, expressed "sympathy for residents of the heavily Jewish suburb who will be distraught if the march takes place."

The ACLU got a court order allowing a Nazi march in Marquette Park on Chicago's Southwest Side, but that further antagonized the organized Jewish community, as the Tribune reported: "The Public Affairs Committee (of the Jewish United Fund) will not in any manner condone, aid, or abet the promotion of Nazi or any other racist doctrine in Skokie or any other community."

The most poignant memory of the contorted affair was George Baum's. "My interest in the Nazis' march is personal. It recalls a march under different circumstances," he noted in an August 1977 Tribune op-ed.

In 1945 Baum was freed by Russian soldiers from the Terezin concentration camp, a way-station en route to Auschwitz's gas chambers. Of the 15,000 Jewish children who had been imprisoned there, by some estimates fewer than 150 survived.

As their Nazi guards were being marched away, fellow inmates, shrunken by starvation and dressed in rags, pummeled them until the Russians said it was enough.

"How can one hate, when hate has brought so much suffering? How can one keep his own sanity if he adopts the insanes' ways?" Baum recalled asking himself as a 12-year old.

"Today I still understand the question. But the answers still elude me, as they have eluded mankind."

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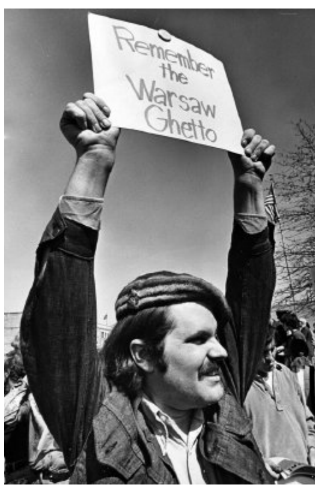
Lincoln Avenue and Oakton Street in Skokie are seen in 1977. **JOHN BARTLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



People gather to protest a march planned by a Nazi organization in the primarily Jewish community of Skokie in 1977. **KAREN ENGSTROM/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Halting a brief melee in the Daley Center Plaza on March 18, 1977, a Chicago police officer shouts at members of the American Socialist Party of America, who staged a noon rally. **GEORGE QUINN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

OPINION

A gas-burning stove is offered for sale at a home improvement store on Jan. 12 in Chicago. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY

How your gas stove was drafted into the culture wars

Clarence Page

Speaking of hot topics, have you heard that the federal government might ban gas stoves — and perhaps even confiscate the beloved big burner you have in your kitchen?

Rest easy, the Biden administration says. No such raids are planned to snatch your stove or any other home appliances. But to some influencers, particularly of the right-wing persuasion, the rumor itself was too tantalizing to be encumbered by anything so quaint and tiresome as facts.

"Now not only is (President Joe) Biden coming for your paycheck, he's also coming for your stove," announced Fox News host Sean Hannity on Jan. 10. "You heard me right. The White House is now attempting to ban all gas ovens and burners."

"I'll NEVER give up my gas stove," tweeted Republican Rep. Ronny Jackson of Texas. "If the maniacs in the White House come for my stove, they can pry it from my cold dead hands. COME AND TAKE IT!!"

Rest easy, Ronny. Reassurance comes from no less than Richard Trumka Jr., a Biden appointee to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which is responsible for regulating more than 15,000 household products and appliances, including stoves.

Trumka inadvertently ignited rumors about gas stove ban by telling Bloomberg that the agency could soon increase regulation of the stoves and was considering a ban, but only on new stoves, not the one that might be in your kitchen now.

Why? Among other reasons, more than 12% of current childhood asthma cases in the U.S. can be attributed to gas stove use, Trumka noted, citing new peer-reviewed research published last month in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.

Consumer Reports also urged consumers in October to consider going electric in their next oven purchase after tests found high levels of nitrogen oxide gas from gas stoves.

"We are not looking to go into anyone's homes and take away items that are already there," Trumka said. "We don't do that."

Please don't. But the suspicion that they do is flourishing, particularly in the conservative outrage industry and among others who happily mock liberal political correctness, as in the popular TikTok meme "My gas stove identifies as electric."

Ha, ha.

But, while federal officials mull the safety of gas stoves, some cities and states have taken action on their own since famously liberal Berkeley, California, banned gas hookups in most homes and other new buildings in 2019, mostly to reduce carbon emissions that contribute to climate change.

Now environmentalists, consumer advocates and others want Chicago to join New York, Los Angeles and Boston in bans against the use of natural gas in most new construction. Speaking at a news conference Wednesday at Chicago's City Hall, the Sierra Club's Illinois chapter director, Jack Darin, called such an ordinance "the next bold step for climate action."

Yet, bold action bubbles up vigorously on the pro-gas side too. At least 20 states have passed their own preemptive legislation to ban their local governments from passing anti-gas bans.

Gas companies and their allies justify their opposition by citing cost concerns and the freedom for customers to have more choice about their energy supply. I respect that. But I also favor more research and a robust debate to make sure the choice is a good one, based on sound, up-to-date information, not myths and rumors.

The gas debate literally hits us close to home. I grew up hearing my mother argue tirelessly for the superiority of gas over electric stoves, just as many great chefs do today. But I think even Mom would be impressed, as I am, by the speed, heat and efficiency of today's induction cooktops and ranges.

They generate heat from an electromagnetic field below the glass cooktop surface, then transfer the current directly to magnetic cookware, causing it to heat up — in a matter of seconds.

Of course, they also can cost more, so shop around. Purchasers may be eligible for financial incentives created by Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, subject to abrupt changes in Washington politics.

As the oven debate heats up, I expect it to grow and go through changes like other debates over things that are good for us, like mandatory seat belts, or bad for us, like cigarette smoking.

I expect younger folks similarly will lead the way over time from gas to electric cooking. It's becoming their world after all. I just feel lucky to be sticking around in it.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Fight for reproductive rights

Sunday marks the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, when the U.S. Supreme Court issued its landmark decision that set precedent for all to have bodily autonomy and the right to make their own health care decisions, including abortions. But 49 years after the ruling, a very different Supreme Court struck down Roe v. Wade amid a growing radical, reactionary movement that perpetrates anti-bodily autonomy, anti-woman and anti-gay prejudice across this nation. What should be a celebration is today a time of mourning for the loss of nearly 50 years of federal protections.

The state of Illinois continues to be a beacon of hope for those seeking reproductive care in the Midwest. In solidarity, 26 Illinois organizations have signed on to this letter to stand firmly with our state legislature in its commitment to protect and defend abortion rights justice. We are proud that Illinois is uniquely positioned to lead others in protecting our residents and those who come here to seek the care that they cannot receive in their own states.

Just in the last few weeks, our state legislators passed legislation that will protect access to abortion in Illinois from out-of-state meddling. The bill, fully supported and signed into law by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, will shield reproductive and gender-affirming health care patients and providers from legal action originating across state lines where such care is being restricted. It will also protect the Illinois licenses of health care providers licensed in multiple states who provide treatment in our state. Other components deal with insurance costs and with licensing nurse practitioners and others to provide these services.

As other states look to further restrict abortion access, Illinois is finding ways to ensure that it is available to all.

In his inaugural address, Pritzker proposed a constitutional amendment guaranteeing abortion access. We know that the future of abortion justice begins at the local and state levels. We applaud Pritzker for this step and will work to support the passage of this important amendment.

As we mark the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we must remember that we are not truly free unless we can control our own bodies, lives and futures. We call upon all Illinoisans to join together in building a strong future for reproductive justice for all.

— Carole Levine, chair, Courts Matter Illinois, Chicago

Home Depot should act

Unusually high winter temperatures this season have got more Chicagoans talking about ways to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. While it is important for everyone to do their part, we should remember that large companies can have a larger impact on our climate than individuals can — especially companies like Home Depot that sell forest products.

The North American boreal forest is the largest intact ecosystem left on the planet. Its trees and soil hold as much as 300 billion tons of carbon, which is nearly twice as much as is stored in all the world's recoverable oil reserves combined. And each year, the boreal forest removes enough carbon from the atmosphere to offset the emissions of 24 million cars.

However, the boreal forest is being logged at a rate of 1.5 football fields every single minute. Much of the wood is sold as lumber to American consumers.

As the largest home improvement retailer in the world, Home Depot needs to take accountability and protect our communities by committing to source wood products sustainably.

— Keegan Hollyer, Chicago

Change campaign funding

A story published in the Jan. 17 Tribune reports: "Exxon Mobil's scientists were remarkably accurate in their predictions about global warming, even as the company made public statements that contradicted its own scientists' conclusions, a new study says."

Exxon, which knew about climate change since about 1977, could have acted in the public interest and for our planet's health by leading the transition to renewable energy, protecting its long-term position in energy production.

Instead, Exxon chose fast and high profits, spending millions of dollars on climate change denial and political contributions — mostly to Republicans — to block action against climate change. This choice has led to the disruption of the environment that supports life on our planet and ongoing destruction, suffering and deaths.

With tobacco and other companies also having histories of putting profits above people, corporations and their ultrawealthy owners should not be permitted to make unlimited political contributions to buy influence and shape government decisions in their favor.

If we want a fair political debate so government decisions are based on merit and the public interest, we must democratize contributions as we do voting and have public funding of election campaigns.

— Richard Barsanti, Western Springs

Stop chemicals' production now

A front-page article published Tuesday discusses the contamination of our water, fish and people with perfluorooctane sulfonate, or PFOS, manufactured by 3M and used in all sorts of items ("Analysis: Freshwater fish much more contaminated"). It notes the illnesses caused by these forever chemicals. The situation is indeed serious.

The article also notes that 3M will cease manufacturing these chemicals by 2025.

If we know these dangerous contaminants are affecting all of us and all our food and water supplies, why not prohibit their manufacturing and use *now*? Why wait for two more years and allow the adding of more potentially cancer-causing contamination to our environment?

It would be an economic hit to 3M to stop *now*, but the cost to our society would be far less.

This is important to all of us. It will be especially important to those experiencing liver failure, cancer, immune disorders, increased cholesterol levels, etc.

The time to act is *now*.

— Robert B. Hamilton, Wauconda

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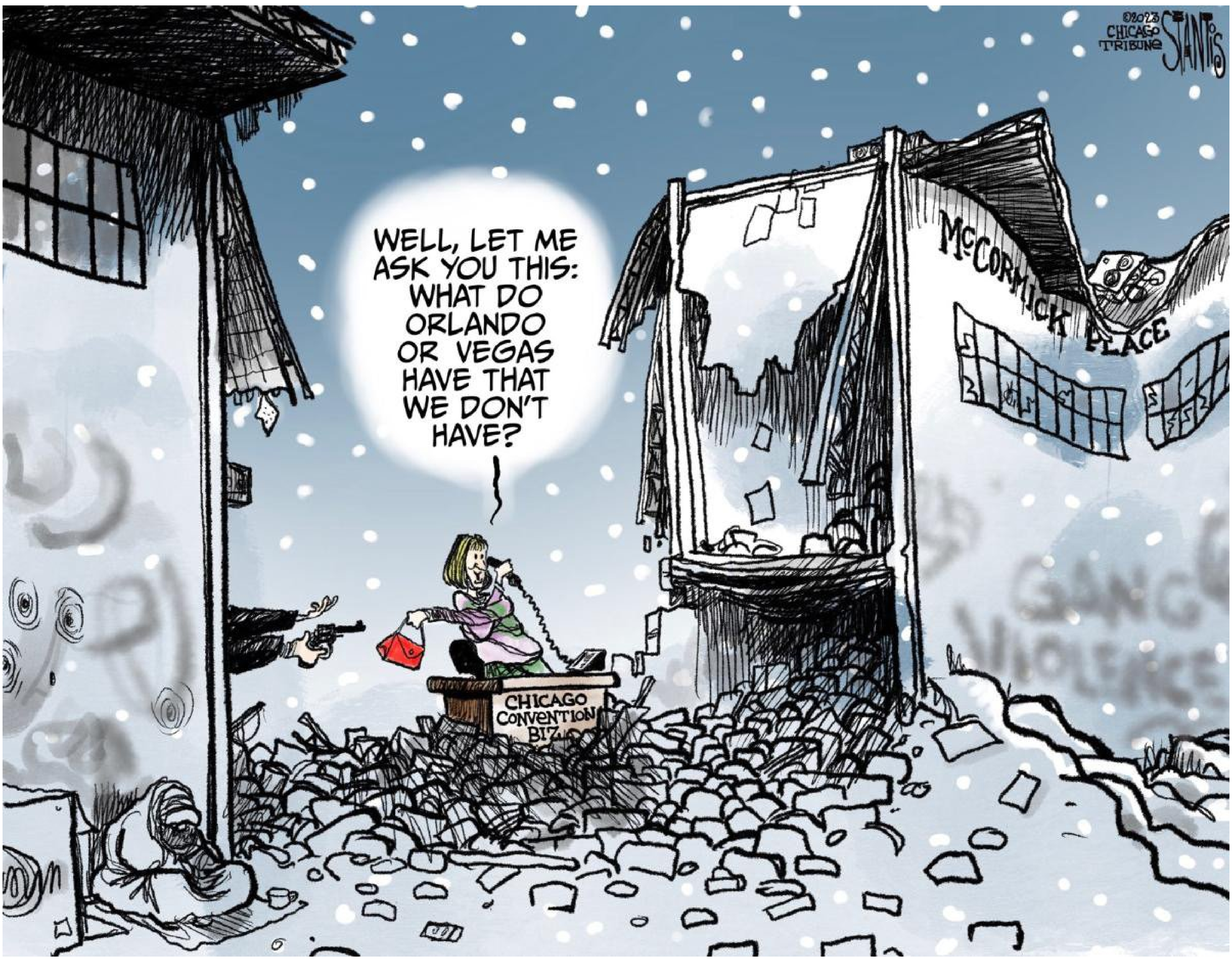
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Chicago's convention business won't recover merely on a hope and a prayer

With the looming threat of a recession, Chicago's convention and trade show business has an uphill climb this year — but there are also signs of meaningful recovery from those nightmarish pandemic lows when conventioneers became an endangered species in Chicago.

The events calendar at McCormick Place is getting full again, and the corporation that owns the huge lakefront exhibition center predicts that more than 2.5 million people will visit it this year, as the Tribune's Brian J. Rogal reported. While that number is still far below pre-pandemic levels of nearly 3 million visitors, those crowds would represent a huge comeback from the 678,054 brave souls who visited during 2021.

Conventions are vital for the city's hotels, restaurants, retail outlets and entertainment venues. McCormick Place alone provided an estimated economic impact of more than $2 billion annually at its pre-pandemic peak.

To get the money train rolling again, Chicago needs to do more than cross its fingers, which is mainly what we see happening. The city needs to recognize that it's in a pitched battle for these shows and own up to the factors weighing against it when event organizers decide on destinations.

Consider the Specialty Food Association, which just held its Winter Fancy Food Show in Las Vegas, one of Chicago's biggest competitors for A-list convention business, along with Orlando, New York, San Diego and Atlanta.

Shayna Stahl and Cody Birdwell, band directors from the University of Kentucky, stroll down the corridor en route to The Midwest Clinic at McCormick Place West on Dec. 21. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

As recently as 2007, the same group held a show at McCormick Place. It left not because of hard feelings about Chicago, but because its members wanted to stay closer to the coasts, and pushed for two annual events, one in Sin City and another in the Big Apple.

If the group ever decided to consolidate its two annual shows into one, McCormick Place, with its central location, would be a logical compromise. So, it was painful to hear Bill Lynch, its president, saying that he recalls no one from McCormick Place contacting the group since its departure from Chicago years ago. Lynch and his colleagues get regular sales pitches from convention venues around the country, he said.

Just not from us.

Of Vegas, Lynch said: "They see the bigger picture. Vegas leans so much into shows and entertainment … not making money from the trade show alone. There's a balance to be struck there."

He's right.

A painful truth is that conventions have bounced back faster nationwide than in Chicago. After collapsing in 2020 for obvious reasons, attendance across the country ticked up slightly in 2021, according to the Center for Exhibition Industry Research. At the same time, attendance was still sinking at McCormick Place, as Illinois' COVID-19 shutdowns persisted. The exhibition business generally goes where the space, dates and rates are most attractive, and, apart from the pandemic anomaly, attendance tracks closely with the economy, according to Cathy Breden, CEIR's chief executive officer.

Besides those factors, showrunners go where attendees most want to go, and the image of a city is crucial for winning hearts and minds.

The current perception of Chicago as crime-ridden is a big strike against it. The same goes for the annoying distance between McCormick Place and downtown. Not everyone loves bracing cold weather and, of course, there's the relatively high cost — especially when McCormick Place trade unions do their best to kill the golden goose by nickel-and-diming anyone they can.

Still, Chicago has a central location, good transportation, an amazing skyline and desirable things to do, including our world-class music, theater and food scenes. And while it's true that the pandemic remains a threat, virtual meetings are here to stay and travel budgets have been slashed, there is pent-up demand for businesspeople to get together in person.

At the Specialty Food Show in Las Vegas, exhibitors like Jeremy Klein of Chicago's Think Jerky believe the convention business is "starting to come back," he said.

Chef Stephanie Izard of Chicago's Girl and The Goat, who was showing off her This Little Goat line of grocery products, observed that in-person confabs are "such a great way to meet people from all over." And as Bill Thurner, director of sales and marketing at candymaker Albanese Confectionery Group in Merrillville, Indiana, pointed out, "You can't sample food in a Zoom meeting."

Part of McCormick Place, the aging Lakeside Center, was part of one of city's casino proposals; the city chose elsewhere but the casino plan was revealing as its backers pledged to cover an astonishing $500 million in deferred maintenance.

Lakeside Center needs a total reboot, and it is in the best interests of the city and state to make it happen.

Chicago has economic-development priorities besides McCormick Place, of course.

We're deeply concerned about the collapse of the Mag Mile retail strip, the future of Soldier Field (assuming the Chicago Bears take off for Arlington Heights, as planned) and downtown's vast expanse of vacant office space. All of these issues are vital to the future of the city.

Whether it's incumbent Mayor Lori Lightfoot, or one of her many lively opponents in the upcoming election, whoever leads the city in the years to come needs to put the convention and tourism industry near the top of the to-do list — and go out and sell the city better than in the past.

And bring in the business.

ABOUT NYC'S RED FLAG LAWS

Flags tend not to be useful if they're not seen. In New York, laws that allowed authorities to seek orders to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people have existed for about a decade, including the contemporary so-called red flag laws enacted in 2019. Still, in NYC in particular, they were mostly nowhere to be seen.

In the aftermath of new requirements enacted last year, it's promising that local district attorneys are using the laws for their intended purpose. The news website The City reports that a total of 53 such orders have been obtained starting last August, in comparison to only six in the years prior. Staten Island District Attorney Michael McMahon leads the pack with 35 of the orders; kudos to him.

Let's understand what these laws are, and what they are not: they — temporarily, and with the signoff of a judge — prevent someone from buying or possessing firearms. They do not deprive anyone of their physical liberty, prevent them from going about their daily lives, or take away crucial implements of contemporary life. …

In tandem with the Supreme Court's welcome decision to allow New York state to keep implementing its new sensible gun laws — laws which were still only needed in the first place due to the high court striking down the state's existing possession law — New York is proving that it can adapt to changing circumstances and take real steps to protect the population from the consequences of a population awash in guns.

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OPINION

CRIME SCENE KEEP OUT

Chicago police process a shooting scene Jan. 6. A 16-year-old boy was killed and another teen was wounded. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

We have to recognize the many costs of gunshot injuries

By Ava Ferguson-Bryan, Anthony Douglas II and Selwyn Rogers

Mass shootings turn heads and capture media headlines, but in truth they represent less than 1% of all shootings in America. Despite increasing recognition that firearm violence is an epidemic, we fail to acknowledge the disproportionate contribution of single-victim firearm injuries to the overall burden of gun violence.

"Everyday" firearm violence affects older white men with suicidal intentions and the most marginalized people in America: the Black and brown. This is the leading cause of premature death for Black men and the second leading cause of premature death for Latino men and Black women. Most of their stories don't make the news.

A Google search for "Chicago news" on a recent uneventful Saturday evening led to a headline that read, "Chicago shootings: 5 juveniles among 22 shot in weekend violence across city." The details were reported in typical fashion: where the victim was shot, what hospital they were taken to and whether they survived. After that Saturday, there were no more headlines for those victims, no follow-up stories; they were yesterday's news.

Media coverage presents victims of firearm violence as binary outcomes — survivors and nonsurvivors. As doctors, we know all too well that the spectrum of outcomes between life and death is vast, and along it lay innumerable outcomes. Some firearm victims survive but are left in a vegetative state. People who once had personality and were capable of elegant movement are resigned to long-term care centers until they succumb to infections from bed sores and pneumonia. Others spend the rest of their lives paralyzed and dependent on caregivers for their activities of daily living. Then there are those who live with daily reminders, physically and figuratively: 60% of firearm victims deal with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Surviving a firearm injury is a chronic condition, "post-firearm injury disease," which results in ongoing medical needs, mental health challenges and social disruption. As a result of continual improvements in emergency medical services, more firearm victims are surviving but are left with some type of chronic condition.

Beyond the bodily harm caused by firearm wounds, treating these injuries costs on average nearly $25,000 in the first month after being shot. According to a study by Dr. Zirui Song, an internal medicine physician at Massachusetts General Hospital, within the first year of being shot, patients average nearly $2,500 per month in health care spending. For those without commercial insurance, Medicare and Medicaid — and therefore, the taxpayer — bears the brunt of this cost, contributing significantly to government health care spending. Based on the current nonlethal rate of firearm wounds, survivors of firearm injuries cost the United States $2.5 billion annually.

The social ramifications of firearm injuries encompass family members who care for the wounded; businesses that lose employees; and communities that are denied full participation of those whose bodies, minds and psyche are temporarily or forever altered. Yasemin Irvin-Erickson, assistant professor of criminology at George Mason University, studied cities across the U.S. and found that firearm violence stunted new retail and business creation by 4% and decreased home value appreciation and homeownership rates.

In some U.S. cities, surges in firearm violence alone were responsible for decreasing the number of available job opportunities. For example, Irvin-Erickson demonstrated in Oakland, California, that every homicide caused by firearm violence in a given year was associated with five fewer job opportunities.

The category between alive and dead — those who are not living to their full potential due to the derailing effects of a bullet — deserves our attention as clinicians and warrants the focus of policymakers. Until we achieve a radical reduction in the number of firearm victims, we must direct funding toward this forgotten population of survivors. This is especially true for those living in communities of color, whose deep estrangement from the infrastructure of resources makes living with disability and chronic disease even more debilitating.

Those living with the medical ramifications of firearm wounds, at the bare minimum, need continuous access to medical and mental health care through programs that provide lifelong insurance coverage. We also must provide financial and legal assistance to every trauma victim in recognition of the financial toxicity of this disease. And we need community-based solutions that address the social ramifications of firearm-related injuries, such as providing youth in communities disproportionately affected by firearm-related injuries with programs to help them get connected to in-demand occupations. The best prevention against firearm injuries in impoverished communities very well might be a meaningful, purpose-filled, living-wage job.

Firearm-related injuries are now the leading cause of death for children and teens in the U.S. Those who recognize that firearm-related injuries are an epidemic have stopped short of repeating this fact. We must challenge ourselves to speak about firearm-related injuries and their effects with more nuance and specificity — and in turn hold policymakers accountable for enacting nuanced, specific solutions to this ongoing health crisis.

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To Georgians, the war in Ukraine is personal

By Alexander Mutnansky

FIGHT FOR THEM AS THEY WERE FIGHTING FOR US

A protester holds a poster during a rally Dec. 6 in Tbilisi, Georgia, to condemn Russian strikes on Ukraine. **VANO SHLAMOV/GETTY-AFP**

Upon my arrival in the capital city of Tbilisi, the impact that the war in Ukraine has had on the conscience of Georgians became immediately apparent. Throughout the city, the blue and yellow of the Ukrainian flag hang proudly along with the red crosses of the Georgian flag. The war burns hundreds of miles away across the Black Sea, far enough to reasonably believe that it would be an afterthought in Georgian discourse. But that is not the case. There are constant reminders of Ukraine, from flags to pins to news coverage. How has it come to be that Ukraine is now at the center of civic life in Georgia?

There is the link to the legacy of former Soviet states. But this would be too simple of a link and would not explain the lack of camaraderie in places such as Armenia and Azerbaijan. Rather, Georgians' commitment is rooted in events from 2008 and 2014.

The 2008 Russo-Georgian War essentially kicked off Russian rebellion toward the Europeanization of countries that sit on the outskirts of Europe. Originally pegged as support for the ethnic minority rights of Ossetians and Abkhazians by Russia, in reality it was a territorial grab by Vladimir Putin, one that mirrors the situation in Ukraine. During the events that led to the war, the president of Georgia at the time, Mikheil Saakashvili, sought to push the country westward with an effort to join NATO, which Putin saw as an existential threat to Russia. In effect, it gave Russia the rationale for the invasion, which resulted in about 20% of Georgian territory being occupied to this day.

Six years later, a very similar set of events unfolded in Ukraine. Rumors of ethnic dissatisfaction of Russian-speaking Ukrainians living in Crimea, Luhansk and Donetsk gave Putin the grounds for intervention. The "Revolution of Dignity" resulted in pro-Russia leader Viktor Yanukovych being ousted by protesters for not signing a free-trade agreement with the European Union. Headed by younger Ukrainians, the protests emphasized a shift in Ukrainians' perceptions of where they wished to be, and that was to be a member of Europe rather than in Russia's sphere of influence.

The combination of these two events, shared marginalization, and parallels in ideology and recent history culminated in Georgians feeling like they are a part of the war in Ukraine. The West sees it as a fight for democracy against tyranny, and Georgians share this sentiment and feel it to a sharper degree because the war is on their doorstep. As Russians continue to occupy territory in Georgia, Ukraine is perceived as an embodiment of defiance and resilience against a larger power that both countries have been at odds with for more than a decade. But interestingly, the flag of Ukraine represents something more as it flies next to the European Union flag throughout Tbilisi: It symbolizes Europe.

This touches on who gets to be European. As Ukraine has recently been put on a track to become part of the European Union, albeit through a process that could take nearly 10 years, Georgians are still waiting for the opportunity to join the bloc. Throughout Georgia, members of the next generation see themselves as a liberal democratic state, one that involves EU citizenship, which is seen as the path to prosperity and opportunity.

Those who see themselves as European Georgians are aware that EU membership is years away and will take development, economic progress and leadership to achieve.

As Ukrainians continue to fight for their freedom and the ability to decide if they also do in fact see themselves as European, Georgians see it as their fight too. As the Ukrainian flag continues to be displayed proudly around Georgia, it is not just the flag of a friend, or ally, but rather a symbol of the choice to be European: a symbol of freedom.

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Report gives insight into potential leaf blower regulations along North Shore

By Daniel Dorfman
For Pioneer Press

A regional working group has issued a final report on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers including options for communities to incorporate into regulations. Now, it will be up to officials of the individual municipalities on whether to enact policy changes.

The working group was formed in late 2021 to take an assessment of regulations tied into the gas-powered leaf blowers that are used to clear away leaves and debris, but can generate irritating noises and have environmental concerns.

In December, the group released a 66-page report assessing issues associated with gas-powered leaf blowers, similar technologies and how communities could ease the effect of the machines.

Currently, individual communities have their own regulations on the gas-powered leaf blowers, often through noise and nuisance ordinances, according to the report.

The group is hoping for more cohesive regulations along the North Shore.

"The objectives of this group have been to try and see if there was a way to have some uniformity to help service providers in the area. Also to try and address primarily noise and subsequent environmental issues that have been associated with gas-powered leaf blowers," Lake Bluff Village Administrator Drew Irvin said at the Jan. 9 village board meeting.

The report does not offer recommendations for gas-powered leaf blower usage instead offering best practices to consider if no regulation changes are made.

Among the options, municipalities should consider:

- Communities now operating without gas-powered leaf blower regulations may not need to make changes as they monitor the development of technology trends such as electric-powered leaf blowers
- A ban on gas-powered leaf blowers from approximately May 15 through the end of September
- Allowing the gas-powered leaf blowers to be used in April and from October 1 to November 30 for spring and fall cleanup
- Or a 10-month ban from December through September

"The report acknowledges a year-round ban on gas-powered leaf blowers is not a practical solution at this time in our communities," Wilmette Village Manager and Co-Chairman of the working group Mike Braiman said. "Incremental regulations are the best way to mitigate the impact of these devices for our residents."

The report also offers recommendations for best practices including a phase-in period for any new regulations from anywhere between one to five years allowing contractors to plan for any changes. There would also be a series of enforcement options such as citations against landscaping companies and a public education campaign on the impact of gas-powered leaf blowers.

"These are reasonable options for communities to consider in their own characteristics," Braiman said.

The composition of the working group include municipal officials from Deerfield, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Kenilworth, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Lincolnshire, Northbrook, Wilmette and Winnetka and the Deerfield Park District.

Other members included Go Green Wilmette, the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association and two local landscaping companies.

"We were very pleased to see 12 large suburbs collaborate on this issue," Go Green Wilmette President Beth Drucker said. "Up to this point, each community had very different regulations and that made it difficult for lawn care contractors to keep track of the various regulations. Also, many suburbs have no restrictions other than noise ordinances that are rarely enforced. This working group provided those suburbs with the information they need to pass ordinances that will restrict the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in a way that is more consistent across the region."

Drucker said she was also concerned about the potential damage that leaf-blowing does to beneficial insects that need the leaf cover to survive.

Illinois Landscape Contractors Association Executive Director Scott Grams said he appreciated that there were representatives of all stakeholder groups included in the working group.

He is concerned about a possible outright ban of the gas-blowers in the spring and hopes municipalities will consider the advice of the professional community in creating ordinances.

"Those are the highest volume periods of leaf litters in these communities," Grams said. "Not allowing this type of equipment is going to make cleanups during those periods very difficult."

There continues to be interest in electric-powered leaf blowers, according to the working group, but Grams said concerns continue about their strength, battery power/life and cost.

"These are all hurdles the manufacturers are trying to overcome," he said.

In many cases, the report is being referred to specific related committees within municipalities and then likely to come back to the village boards or city councils.

"At that time, we will consider what policy options developed through the Working Group merit further consideration for Lake Forest," Assistant City Manager George Issakoo wrote in an email.

Winnetka Village Manager Rob Bahan said the City Council would review the report at a future study session.

Not part of the working group was Evanston where that community is set to phase out the use gas-powered leaf blowers starting this year.

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Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JAN. 22 ...

In 1498, during his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus arrived at the present-day Caribbean island of St. Vincent.

In 1901 Britain's Queen Victoria died on the Isle of Wight; she was 82.

In 1905 thousands of demonstrating Russian workers were fired on by Imperial army troops in St. Petersburg on what became known as "Red Sunday" or "Bloody Sunday." (According to the Old-Style Julian calendar still in effect in Russia at the time, the date was Jan. 9.)

In 1908 Katie Mulcahey became the first — and only — woman to run afoul of New York City's just-passed ban on females smoking in public establishments. (Mulcahey served a night in jail after refusing to pay a $5 fine; the law, which did not specify any fines, ended up being vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr.)

In 1909 U Thant, the third secretary general of the United Nations, was born in Pantanaw in what is now Myanmar.

In 1917 President Woodrow Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, calling for "peace without victory." (By April, however, America also was at war.)

In 1922 Pope Benedict XV died; he would be succeeded by Pius XI.

In 1938 Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" was performed publicly for the first time, in Princeton, N.J.

In 1953 the Arthur Miller drama "The Crucible," set during the Salem witch trials, opened on Broadway.

In 1957 suspected "Mad Bomber" George Metesky, accused of planting more than 30 explosive devices in the New York City area since 1940, was arrested in Waterbury, Conn. (He was later found mentally ill and committed to a mental hospital; he was released in 1973, and died in 1994 at age 90.)

In 1973 the Supreme Court handed down its Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion using a trimester approach. Also in 1973 former President Lyndon Johnson died in Texas; he was 64.

In 1987 Pennsylvania treasurer R. Budd Dwyer, convicted of defrauding the state, proclaimed his innocence at a news conference before pulling out a gun and shooting himself to death in front of horrified onlookers.

In 1995 Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy died at the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, Mass.; she was 104.

In 1997 the Senate confirmed Madeleine Albright as the nation's first female secretary of state.

In 1998 Theodore Kaczynski pleaded guilty in Sacramento to being the Unabomber in return for a life sentence in prison without parole.

In 2000 Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers met privately with U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno as they appealed for help in removing the boy from his Florida relatives and reuniting him with his father in Cuba. Also in 2000 food writer Craig Claiborne died in New York; he was 79.

In 2004 South Dakota politician Bill Janklow was sentenced to 100 days in jail for an auto accident that killed a motorcyclist and ended Janklow's career in disgrace. Also in 2004 actress-dancer Ann Miller died in Los Angeles; she was 81.

In 2008 actor Heath Ledger was found dead in a New York City apartment of what was later ruled an accidental prescription drug overdose; he was 28.

In 2012 Joe Paterno, football coach at Penn State University since 1966, who was fired in November 2011 amid a scandal of alleged child sex abuse by one of his former assistants, died in State College, Pa.; he was 85.

In 2014 Texas executed Mexican national Edgar Tamayo, 46, for the 1994 killing of a Houston police officer, despite diplomatic pressure from the Mexican government and the U.S. State Department to halt the punishment.

In 2016 a gunman opened fire at a high school and a second location in an aboriginal community in northern Saskatchewan, leaving four dead and at least two injured. Also in 2016 three inmates awaiting trial for unrelated violent crimes, including a killing, escaped from the maximum security Orange County Men's Central Jail.

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In Memoriam

Lawrence B. 'Larry' McCauley

Larry entered eternity on December 17, 2022; graveside service January 4, 2023. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated to honor his life on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at St. Gertrude Church Chicago (Glenwood & Granville Avenues). Gathering in church at 9:00 a.m., Mass at 10:00 a.m.; Hospitality and memory sharing in the Ministry Center following Mass.

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Death Notices

(Early) Kudia, Bernadine Frances

Bernadine Frances Kudia (Early) passed away peacefully in Palos Park, Il on January 9, 2023. Beloved wife for 69 years of the late Edward Joseph Kudia, loving mother of Michael (Colleen), John (Lisa), Richard and Mark; and always caring grandmother of Michael (Mickey), Kathleen, Frances (Joy), Shane, Madelyn and Joseph (Joey). Born in Penfield, IL on August 13, 1928, she was the sixth of the late Joseph Ignatius and Josephine (Buck) Early's eleven beloved children. Although financially poor, their family was rich with love and strong in their Catholic faith. She is survived by her loving brother Donald; her late sisters include Mary Briggs, Collette Rocke, Joan Early, Patricia Foster and Ann Mitsdarfer; and the late brothers Joseph, John, George and Robert. "Aunt Bernie" to many nieces and nephews she will be remembered for her backyard pool parties and afternoon celebrations usually involving home baked kolache. Memorial Mass will be at 11 AM on Saturday January 28th at St. Michael Catholic Church, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, IL. Donations to Catholic Charities in lieu of flowers.

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Adamski, Gloria Jeanne

Gloria Jeanne Adamski, nee Boucher, beloved wife of Robert L. Adamski; loving mother of Karen M. (Steven) Busa and Donald R. (Stefanie) Adamski; proud grandmother of Sarah M. Busa, Max D., Mia G. & Noelle M. Adamski; devoted daughter of the late Woodrow and Emily Boucher; loving sister of Annette (John) Popiel and the late Nancy (Steve) Gross. Visitation Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW corner of Roosevelt & Mannheim Rds., Hillside/Westchester. Prayers Monday 9:00 a.m. to Visitation Church, Elmhurst. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For Info 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com

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Bailey, Karen M.

Karen M. Bailey (nee Szumigalski), age 81, at rest January 12, 2023. Beloved wife of William F. Bailey Sr.; Loving mother of Laura Bailey, William Jr. (Jennifer) Bailey and Jay (Stephanie) Bailey; Cherished grandmother of Jaclyn (Chas) Schnackel, Melissa (Ian) Koue, Amy Creed, Alyssa Bailey and Alexander Bailey; Dearest great-grandmother of Ellie, Owen, and Rylee; Loving sister of Nancy (late Ronald) Rozanski, Richard (Sue) Szumigalski, and the late Thomas Szumigalski. Fond aunt of many. Karen loved being with her family; dinners together, celebrations, eating snacks, telling stories, and laughing. Karen played rummy, poker and Yahtzee with her family especially her grandkids, Jackie, Melissa, Amy, Alyssa, and Alex. And she enjoyed visits with her great grandkids, Ellie, Own, and Rylee! When she wasn't with Bill and her family, she was out with her girlfriends or watching cooking shows. A celebration of life for Karen M. Bailey will be held at a future date. Arrangements entrusted to Hills Funeral Home, Ltd. Info. 708-598-5880 or hillsfh.com

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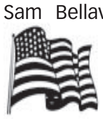
Bellavia, Sam



Sam Bellavia, 96, of Chicago, beloved husband of the late Angeline; loving father of Joseph and Virginia; dear uncle of many. Visitation Tuesday from 9:30 am until time of funeral Mass at 10:30 am at St. Juliana Catholic Church, 7201 N, Oketo Ave., Chicago, IL. Entombment following at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS, 66675, https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Funeral information and condolences www.**Glueckert**FuneralHome.com, (847) 253-0168.

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Bourne, Donald J.

Donald J. Bourne, age 89, of Skokie. Beloved husband of Theresa; dear father of Jehan D. (Clare) Bourne, Suzanne R. (Guy) Sarkesian, and Rhonda (William) Erickson; loving grandfather of seven. Visitation, Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 4 to 8 p.m., at HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Lying-in-state, Wednesday, January 25, from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Service, 10 a.m., at Skokie Valley Baptist Church, 1050 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette. Interment, Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or habenfuneral.com to view complete obituary and to leave a condolence message.

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Brazeau, Anna Mae

Anna M. Brazeau nee Lindsay. Born December 2, 1928. At rest January 20, 2023. Loving mother of the late Mark (Sandra), George R. Jr., Keith (Kathleen), Paul (Gina) & the late Ann & Jeffrey Marks, Joseph (Cathy) & Thomas (Christine). Cherished grandmother of Joseph, Samantha, Katie, Kyle, Michael & Paul Anthony Brazeau. Proud great grandmother of Elijah, Joseph III, Colin, Addison & Maddox. Dear sister of Daniel (Irene) Lindsay, the late Joseph Lindsay Jr., & Rose A. Grimes. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Member of Rebekah Lodge #607. Mass time pending at St. Albert the Great Church. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Monday January 23 from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Cartwright, Carolyn P.

Carolyn P. Cartwright, nee Peck, 90, of Lake Forest. Beloved wife of the late John G. Cartwright; loving mother of Alison Cartwright and Hollis (Paul) Blume; cherished grandmother of Jesse Dienner, Rebecca (Paul) French, Jack and Lissy Blume; fond great grandmother of Alder French. Memorial service Saturday, February 18, 1:00 PM with reception immediately following at The Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 E. Westminster, Lake Forest, IL 60045. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Paws Chicago animal shelter. Info. RTfunerals.com or 847-234-9649.

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Cervantes, Miguel Angel

Miguel Angel Cervantes passed away on January 5th, 2023. He was surrounded by many of the people he loved the most in his final hours. Miguel Angel was born in Mexico, raised in Chicago, and felt at home in cities all over the world. For the last fourteen years, Miguel shared his life with his husband, Kevin Barrett and beloved dog Mister. He is grieved by his parents, Salvador and Bernadina Cervantes and his best sister, Marlene Cervantes, as well as his extended and chosen family and friends. His passion for good music, Mexican design, and beautiful objects will live on through his project, Comercio Popular, and through the people who loved and were influenced by him. For having loved him and having lost him, we will never be the same.

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Clay, Richard J.

Richard J. Clay of Northbrook, Il, passed away on January 10th at his home in Royal Ridge. Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Marie T. Clay. He is survived by his daughter, Marisa Clay-Combs, stepchildren Robert (Akiko) Graver, Pamela (Patrick) Mayers, and Steven (Bridget) Graver, grandchildren Charles, Marie (Philip), Margaret (Mike), Kelly, William (Corinne), and Trevor, and great-grandchildren Gretta, Finn, Colin, and Elias. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Northfield, Il, on Saturday, April 29th, at 10:30 A.M. Visitation ½ hour before the Service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution in his memory may be made to Christian Brothers, 7650 S. County Line Rd., Burr Ridge, IL or St. Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago, IL. Info: **donnellanfuneral.com** or (847)675-1990.

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Crooks, Christopher Bernard

Christopher Bernard Crooks, age 40, beloved son of Marie B. (nee Byrne) and Robert W. Crooks Jr.; loving brother of Robert W. III (Jennifer) and Carl J. (Katherine); cherished uncle of Elizabeth, Sean, Kyle, Stephanie, Carter and Haley (Matthew); dear great uncle of Christopher, Zoe, Addison and Jackson. Visitation Tuesday 3-8 P.M. Funeral Wednesday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462 to St. Elizabeth Seton Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Private. Funeral info 708-429-3200.

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Cull, Norma Jeanne

Norma Jeanne Cull (nee St. Pierre), age 78, a resident of Naperville, IL since 2021, formerly of Hickory Hills, IL, passed away on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, IL. She was born October 31, 1944, in South Bend, IN

Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.

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Daniels, Laurence John

Laurence John Daniels, 68, was born June 6, 1954, in Chicago, IL to John and Nancy (nee Johnson) Daniels. He died Friday, December 9, 2022, at his home. Laurence graduated from Maine West High in 1972, and from Northern Illinois University in 1976 with a B.S. degree in finance and accounting. In college, Laurence was an active member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Larry worked as a comptroller for numerous local small and medium-sized businesses over the course of his career. He also owned his own CPA company servicing hundreds of individuals and dozens of small businesses each year. Laurence was a member of the Illinois CPA Society. During his life, Larry enjoyed vacationing with his family, watching and playing golf, rooting on his favorite Chicago sports teams, caring for his dogs, visiting national parks and historic battlefields, and coaching his son's soccer and basketball teams. He is survived by his sons Blake and Bradley (Janet) Daniels; his grandchildren William, Madeline, and Seamus Daniels; and his sisters Diane Daniels-Hauldren and Linda Simon and Diane's daughter, Julie. Larry is preceded in death by his wife, Janet (nee Ensign) Daniels; his parents, and his mother-in-law, Eileen Ensign. Memorial visitation Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 12:30 pm until the time of the memorial service at 2:30 pm at the Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arl. Hts, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the First Congressional Church of Des Plaines (fccdp.org). Funeral Information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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DeChene, Richard "Dick"

Richard "Dick" DeChene, age 84, was born into eternal life on January 14, 2023. He was born on August 26, 1938, to beloved parents Mary and Peter DeChene. Rich was predeceased by his wife Margaret (Cariola) DeChene in 1982 and predeceased by his wife Nadine (Bragg) DeChene in 2019.

Richard was the loving father of Michelle (John) Hennessy, Bob (Kim), Jim (Kris), Jackie (Scott) Eckstein, Carolyn (Tony) Sidari, Darren Bragg and Adam (Mary Laura) Bragg; legendary grandpa of Catherine (Tim), Matthew (Brendan), Johnny (Sarah), Michael, Maggie (Dan), Jack, Grace, Megan (Chris), Amanda (Matt), Haley (Danny), Dominick, Samuel, Emma, Zach, Taylor (Jake) and Maggie; dearest great grandfather of Emmett, Oliver, Pauly, Addison, Avery, Reagan, Jaxson and Joie; devoted brother of Bob (Ludo) DeChene and fond uncle of many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews.

Richard enjoyed a successful 41-year career as an executive with CNA Insurance. In retirement, his passions were golf, cooking, gardening, singing and playing his accordion. He was a proud senior member of the SLUGS at Killearn CC and a member of the Men's Choir at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, please donate to CancerSupportCenter.org.

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Derrah, Marjorie

Marjorie (Marge) Derrah, nee Hansen, age 90, of Chicago, IL, passed away on December 26, 2022, dear wife of the late Don L. Glasell, devoted daughter of the late Wallace Hansen and Loretta Benzinger Hansen, beloved sister of Jacqueline "Snooky" Bredeson and the late John Hansen, loving mother of William III (Alicia), Christopher and Katherine "Katy"(Terry Edwards) Derrah and stepchildren Gail (Hiram) Gutierrez and Glenn (Pamela) Glasell, cherished grandmother of Alan, Adrian, William IV, John (Valerie), Thomas, Peter, Chantreya Derrah and step-grandchildren Lauren (JP) Byrnes, Brandon Gutierrez, Matthew and Michelle Glasell, dearest great-grandmother of Gwendolin Ramos-Derrah, fond aunt of Erik Hansen, Dan (Janine) Bredeson and the late Laurie (Steven Mack) Bredeson.

Marge earned her RN at Northwestern's Prentiss Memorial Hospital in 1952 and her master's degree in Public Health from the University of Illinois in 1980. She spent her professional career in a variety of nursing positions, ultimately becoming Head of Infectious Disease Control at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights. After her retirement from nursing, she volunteered at Northwestern Memorial Hospital's research library, assisting in the education of new medical personnel. The hospital presented Marge with its Alumni Award in 2002.

Beloved friend and maternal figure to many, Marge inspired family and friends with her keen interest in world affairs, art, and literature. Born in Green Bay, Wisconsin to a family of artists, Marge and her first husband William E. Derrah II lived at various times in California, Germany, Venezuela, and Chicago before settling in Western Springs, IL to raise their family.

In her later years, Marge engaged in a variety of activities including art classes, writing, Tai Chi, and sailing on Lake Michigan with husband Don. She and Don were active members of the Chicago Yacht Club and served at many maritime related functions. Her family will remember her as a baker of gingerbread houses and Scandinavian crepes each Christmas.

A celebration of Marge's life will take place in the spring of 2023.

Marge was a lifelong environmentalist and devotee of social justice and women's rights causes. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to a cause Marge would support.

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Dunne, Roderick Timothy 'Rory'

Rory was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 1, 1960. Rory married Laura Shannessy in 1993 and they were blessed with four children: Ensign Griffin F. Dunne, Christian A. Dunne, Lucia M. Dunne, and Greta J. Dunne. Rory was the beloved eldest son of the late Arthur L. Dunne "Moose" (former Chief Judge of the Chancery Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County) and the late Margaret Hinrichs Dunne: dear brother of Patrick (Jami), Megan, Fitz (Jessica) and the late Melissa Dunne. Rory grew up in Winnetka, Illinois. He attended grade school at Faith Hope & Charity, matriculating to high school at Loyola Academy while successfully overcoming cancer and at the same time excelling at football (lineman) and hockey (goalie). Rory then went on Williams College where he majored in Art focusing on sculpture and lithography, continuing his football career for the Purple Cows or the "Ephs" and playing rugby and coaching women's hockey. Rory's summers were spent either in the Northwoods of Wisconsin or Canada, canoeing and leading the campers of Manitowish on lengthy expeditions into the forests and tundra of the Northwest Territories and Hudson Bay. Rory's love of the outdoors was only surpassed by his love of his wife and children. After graduating from Williams, Rory attended Northwestern University School of Law and started his storied law career at Peterson & Ross focusing on complex insurance coverage disputes/litigation. In 2001, Rory joined with his friends and colleagues to form Karbal, Cohen, Economou, Silk & Dunne, a thriving insurance and litigation boutique where his commitment to his clients, his love of the law and devotion to the firm knew no bounds. Being treated for and surviving childhood cancer under the care of Doctor Edward Baum of Children's Memorial Hospital, Rory was a devoted volunteer to "A Special Wish Foundation." He also was a counselor at the "One Step at A Time" program for children with cancer and actively involved in the Young Irish Fellowship Club. On January 19, 2023, Rory peacefully passed surrounded by his family and friends. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Service, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass, Tuesday January 24, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Camp One Step by Children's Oncology Services, Inc. 213 West Institute Place Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60610, or Relevant Radio, 608 Barclay Blvd. Lincolnshire, IL 60069 or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Fassbender, Ingrid Ursula

Ingrid Ursula Fassbender, age 78, Preeminent Gallerist, Curator, and Art Consultant passed away peacefully at home in Chicago, with her devoted husband of 32 years, Bruce MacGilpin, by her side on December 12, 2022. Ingrid was energetic, determined to make her mark, and overcame the many obstacles life put in her way. She was born in war-torn Germany in April 1944. As a toddler, she contracted tuberculosis and spent many months separated from her family at a TB sanatorium. Her mother contracted polio from the drinking water of a small town she had stopped at following a visit to the sanatorium. The father and children all had to share in the duties of assisting an invalid mother. In 1955, at 11 years old, Ingrid and her family migrated to the United States and settled near Algona, Iowa. She and her brother Tod did not speak English, and there was no indoor bathroom, but as kids these hardships did not spoil their adventure. They made friends, shared their culture with the local farmers' children, and attended a one-room school house. Eventually, her father found work in Maywood, Illinois, and the family moved to their new American suburban life. Unfortunately, the extensive X-ray treatments Ingrid had received as a child led to thyroid cancer as a teenager. She recovered after several surgeries before graduating from Proviso East High School in Maywood in 1962. She then attended the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. Ingrid had two children during her first marriage, Michelle and Bryan McDonald. She remarried and became a stepmom to two more children. While raising four kids, she returned to school and earned a degree in Occupational Therapy. In anatomy class, she had studied hard and learned the names of all 206 bones in the human body, but it was in the art courses where she found inspiration. Her professor, also an artist, believed Ingrid's vivacious, outgoing personality and enthusiasm for the arts would make her the perfect person to represent her art work. An art dealer was born! She began in California and, after a move to Chicago, sold commercial art at Circle Gallery. Ingrid then moved on to work at various contemporary art galleries such as Joy Horwich Gallery (where she met her future husband Bruce MacGilpin), Esther Saks Gallery, Van Straaten Gallery, and then became director of the German-owned Asberger-Bischoff Gallery. During this time, she was also President of the Board of the New Art Examiner and active with the Chicago Artist's Coalition. She married Bruce MacGilpin in 1990. Together they collaborated on many projects related to The Icon Group, Inc – the fine art services company she helped develop with Mr. MacGilpin - as well as public art commissions and international Art Fairs for the Fassbender Gallery which she opened in 1993. Ingrid had boundless curiosity and hungered for culture in everything she did. She loved fashion, reading, film, music, her dogs and traveling to museums worldwide. She championed the exchange of art and ideas between Chicago artists and the International community which became the foundation of her gallery's pursuits. No one loved being an art dealer more than Ingrid. Fassbender Gallery hosted numerous cultural events, including avant-garde music, panel discussions, and guest speakers, in addition to its busy schedule of engaging visual art exhibits. Even though Fassbender Gallery closed in 2003, Ingrid continued her avid support of local art organizations. She later operated as an independent curator and consultant. Ingrid was preceded in death by her parents Christian Wilhelm Fassbender and Liselotte (Klonk) Fassbender. She is survived by her husband, Bruce MacGilpin, and children from her first marriage, daughter Michelle Nachtrieb (Edward), son Bryan McDonald (Lyn Pusztai), her brother Tod Fassbender (Lynette), along with four grandsons, Evan Nachtrieb, Quinn Nachtrieb, Dane McDonald and Gavin McDonald, along with niece Sebrina Fassbender and nephew Ethan Fassbender. Her children and grandchildren will miss her irreplaceable bright spirit and love for creativity. She was also greatly loved by her husband's family and the many artists and friends from her numerous years involved in the arts. She will be dearly missed by all whose lives she so passionately touched. Ingrid and her husband send a heartfelt thank you to all the doctors, social workers, and loving caretakers who helped her manage her Lewy Body Dementia since 2015. A celebration of life memorial service is planned for early March in Chicago. Service details are pending and will be posted on the **Michalik Funeral Home** website, www.michalikfuneralhome.com, once confirmed. In Lieu of Flowers, donations may be sent to: Lewy Body Dementia Association at: lbda.org; or the animal rescue organization of your choice. For further information call 312-421-0936.

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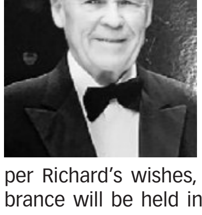
Feit, Richard W.



Richard W. Feit, 86 of Glenview, IL passed away peacefully at home with family on January, 11, 2023. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Susan Feit née Hagerman, loving children Rich Feit and Sarah L. Feit, and nieces Carleen (Bob) Porreca and Alice (Mike) Burns, as well as extended family on his wife's side. As per Richard's wishes, a private family life remembrance will be held in lieu of services. For a complete obituary or to share fond memories and expressions of sympathy visit nhscotthanekamp.com.

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Gritsonis, George

George Gritsonis, age 92, of Kastri, Greece and Arlington Heights, Illinois ascended to heaven on January 19, 2023. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lucille, of 58 years. Devoted father to Jimmy (& Elaine) Gritsonis and Amelia (& Jerry) Roper. Papouli (grandfather) to Sophia, Alysia, Grace, George, and Evan and cherished uncle and great uncle to his many nephews and nieces.

George spent his early years in Greece where he graduated from business school, worked as an accountant, and later owned the Penguin bar in Thessaloniki with his brother John. He spent 18 months as a merchant marine, which fostered his love of travel and exploration, taking him all over the world.

In 1958, he began corresponding with a family friend, which would later lead to marriage and his new life in Chicago. He started out working as a waiter at the Edgewater Beach Hotel and then breaking into the insurance business with John Hancock Life, eventually starting his own insurance business with the support of Lucille. Through his work, George made countless lifelong friends and ran a successful business for many years. Additionally, George was a proud member and leader of the Pan Arcadian Federation of America and the Kastritan Society.

In 1974, alongside a small group of families, he founded the parish of St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church in Palatine, IL. The church was a labor of love for George. In the early years, he set up chairs and the altar for services at the high school every Sunday. As the church flourished, he served as Parish Council President, Greek Fest Chair and could be found weekly in the Narthex. In 2011, his dedication and service were recognized by the Archdiocese of America when he was bestowed the honor of Archon, one of the greatest honors and obligations granted upon a layman of the church.

In his last years, George lovingly cared for his wife and family. He continued to play "tavli" (backgammon) and enjoy coffee with friends. Grilling souvlaki at his lake house was by far his favorite pastime with his grandkids, who will long remember that he always told them, "I have a great life".

A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 26th from 4-8pm at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Highway, Palatine IL 60067. On Friday, January 27th a visitaiton will be held from 10am until the time of the funeral service at 11am at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 133 S Roselle Rd, Palatine, IL 60067. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. More info www.smithcorcoran.com or 847-359-8020.

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Grubbe, Arlette M.

Arlette M. Grubbe, 72, formerly of Elmhurst, passed away Jan. 12th in Elgin, after a series of health problems. She was born in Chicago on Feb. 12, 1950 to Albert and Melba Grubbe.

Arlette graduated from York HS, Elmhurst 1968, and pursued higher education at Northern IL Univ. (B.A. 1972) and Cal. State Univ., Fresno (M.S.W. 1978). She spent her entire career in the healthcare field, starting as a social worker at Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago. In California, she was the AIDS program coordinator in San Mateo County, and upon returning to Illinois, Arlette became a hospice social worker at Alexian Brothers Hospital. Her longest service (1988-2018) was to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago, where she held several positions in social work and hospital administration.

Arlette loved to cook, garden and entertain; she enjoyed the theater, antiques and a good book. She had a passion for history and travel, visiting Egypt, South Africa, Japan, and Europe, as well as this country's cities and sites. The environment, wildlife, and pet rescue were among her many concerns.

Arlette is survived by her lifetime partner, Debbie Ahlstrand, who will miss Arlette's sense of humor, companionship, wealth of knowledge, and keen memory. She is also survived by her in-laws, Cindy and Kirk Merley; nephews, Ken (Lora) Merley and Chris (Poe) Merley; brother, Deen (Julie) Grubbe; and his children, Jennifer Grubbe and David Grubbe.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the World Wildlife Fund, 1250 24th St, N.W., Washington, DC 20037 (800-960-0993) or Shriners Hospitals for Children, P.O. Box 1525, Ranson, WV 25438 (855-365-4438). Final arrangements entrusted to **Symonds-Madison Funeral Home**. For more information, call 847-741-1128 or visit www.symondsmadison.com.

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Harmon, William Whitaker 'Bill'

William Whitaker Harmon, 94, of Chicago's Lincoln Park and Edgewater Beach neighborhoods, esteemed advertising executive, passed away peacefully at home, January 20, 2023. After earning his sociology degree from Northwestern University, Bill served in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Stuttgart. He enjoyed a long career in media and advertising at Leo Burnett and Starcom. He was a respected mentor, teacher, and gentleman. Interests include antiques, architecture, art, design, and world travel. He joyfully hosted cousins and friends at his beloved childhood cottage in Mahtomedi, Minnesota. Bill was particularly generous to the University of Minnesota School of Medicine and College of Liberal Arts. Dear friend, cousin, and colleague of many. Preceded in death by parents Sydney and Frances Marie (nee Whitaker) Harmon of St. Paul, MN and siblings John and Bobbi Harmon. Devoted nephew of Edward and Helen Norton of Malaga, Spain and helped publish Ed's memoirs, "Death in Malaga". "Never let it rest until your good is better and your better is best". In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, www.mercyhome.org. Visitation Thursday, January 26, 4-8pm, Drake & Son Funeral Home, 5303 N. Western Ave., Chicago, 60625. Funeral mass Friday, 10am, St. Ita's Catholic Church, 5500 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640. Future interment of cremated remains, Calvary Cemetery, St. Paul, MN. Arrangements by Drake & Son Funeral Home, 773-561-6874 or www.DrakeandSonFuneralHome.com.

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Hart, William Thomas

Judge William Hart, 93, passed away peacefully at his home on January 17, 2023. Longtime resident of Aurora, Hart enjoyed his later years at The Clare in Chicago. He is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Catherine "Kay" (nee Motta); daughters Catherine Maher (Michael), Susan DaMario (Thomas), Julie Boesen (Peter), Sally Collins (James) and Nancy McLaughlin (Michael); grandchildren Matthew (Elizabeth), Sarah and Timothy Fornero; Thomas, Michael (Madeja) and Julia DaMario; Rebecca (Joseph), Emily (Ryan), William (Katherine) and Theodore Boesen; J. Wesley, Joseph, Adam and Jillian Collins; and Michael, Liam and Finian McLaughlin and eight great-grandchildren.

Hart served as a judge in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois for nearly 40 years. A 1951 graduate of Loyola University Chicago School of Law, he served in the U.S. Army, and then began his career as a prosecutor, working as an Assistant U.S. Attorney; a Special Assistant Attorney General of Illinois and a Special Assistant State's Attorney of Cook County. In private practice from 1956 - 1982, he was a partner with Schiff, Hardin & Waite when appointed to the bench in April 1982.

Throughout his life, Hart gave generously of his time to numerous organizations, including Rosary High School in Aurora, the Chicago Legal Assistance Foundation, Catholic Charities and as a Minister of Care for Holy Name Cathedral.

Visitation January 24 at 9:30 AM at Holy Name Cathedral, with a funeral Mass at 10:30 AM. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Catholic Charities of Chicago. Info: www.michalikfuneralhome.com or 312-421-0936.

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Heinrich, Gilbert John 'Gil'

Gilbert John Heinrich, Gil, of Northbrook, Il, formerly of Evanston, IL, died peacefully in his home on Saturday night, January 14, 2023. Gil was born in Chicago on November 11, 1925. He married Edith Mae Davis on June 17, 1950. They raised their family in Chicago until 1972 when they moved to Evanston. Gil was a die caster by trade and owned 2 die casting companies, one with his son, Andy, as his partner. After he retired, Mae and Gil really started traveling. They went on 13 cruises to Alaska, Hawaii and Europe. They vacationed in Key West every year where they enjoyed the sunsets, sail boats and Jimmy Buffet. Gil loved Northwestern football. He and Mae had season tickets and attended every home game at Dyche Stadium from 1973 to 2014. He and Mae took a trip of a lifetime to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl when Northwestern won a place there in 1996. He was also an avid fan of all things Chicago; he knew the city like the back of his hand. Gil was preceded in death by his wife, Mae, of 62 years, his son, Mark Heinrich and brother, Rev. Donald Heinrich. He is survived by his children, Andy of Albuquerque, NM, Debbie (John) Wilen of Glenview, IL, Elizabeth (James) Cottrell of Cave Creek, AZ, and Barb Heinrich of Chicago, IL, nine grandchildren, Patrick (Lexi) Heinrich of Lakewood, CO, Melissa Heinrich of Dallas, TX, Heather Heinrich of Phoenix, AZ, Jennifer (Michael) Rosenstein of Shaker Hgts, OH, Matthew (Jillian) Wilen of Grayslake, IL, Lloyd (Jessica) Cottrell of Phoenix, AZ, Joe (Katie) of Phoenix, AZ, Margaret (Armando) Cottrell of Carrollton, TX, Devyn Jauch of Santa Barbara, CA and five great-grandchildren, Lucas and Kenli Wilen, Teddy Rosenstein, Beatrice Oliva and Eleanor Cottrell. Services will be held at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, IL on March 4, 2023 at 4pm.

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Hill, John J. 'Jack'

John J. "Jack" Hill, 89, passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side. Beloved husband of 64 years to Catherine "Kay", nee Donahue; loving father to James "Jim", John "JD" (Susan), and Thomas (Laura) Hill; proud grandfather to Katie (Alex) Orlowski, Megan (Eric) Lonergan, Stacy Hill, Dan Hill, Ryan (Alex Belshoff) Hill, Colleen (Austin) Cinotto; honored great-grandfather to Henry and Leo Orlowski; beloved son of the late Lester J. (retired CFD) and Margaret Hill; cherished brother to the late Lois Dutkanych; kind uncle to many nieces and nephews. Jack's favorite saying was "I never had a bad day in my life". Visitation: Monday, January 23rd 10:00-11:00 AM at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church,1450 Green Trails Dr, Naperville, IL. Funeral Mass immediately following at 11:00 AM at Church. Mass can be live streamed at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKjocNNCMrbDTWlTLsohKwA. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, (www.misericordia.com, 6300 N. Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660) would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540. Info: at 630-355-0213 or www.friedrich-jones.com

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Jacobson, Samuel G.

Samuel G. Jacobson, MD, PhD, William C. Frayer Professor of Ophthalmology, a pioneer in retinal research and patient care, passed away in January 2023 at the age of 78. Jacobson founded and directed the Center for Hereditary Retinal Degenerations at the University of Pennsylvania in 1995. Prior to this, he served on the faculty of Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the University of Miami where he established the Institute's first center for retinal degenerations. In his 40+ year career, he distinguished himself as a caring and compassionate physician, and world-class scientist. He entered the field of inherited retinal diseases when clinical specialists were rare, there was little medical or scientific interest in genetic blindness, and there were no treatments. Over decades, he advanced understanding of the molecular mechanisms and therapies for diseases previously considered incurable. Dr. Jacobson was beloved by thousands of patients worldwide for his outstanding clinical care. He trained many clinician-scientists who have become leaders in the field of retinal degenerations. Among his numerous awards and honors, Jacobson received the Antonio Champalimaud Vision Award in 2018 for his revolutionary work that led to the first gene therapy approved by the FDA for the eye or any inherited condition. He received his undergraduate degrees and MD from the University of Illinois and PhD from the University of London, did residencies at Mass Eye and Ear and Rush Presbyterian, and held fellowships at Mass Eye and Ear and Moorfields Eye Hospital. He grew up on the South Side of Chicago and attended Bowen High School. He is predeceased by his father Max M. Jacobson, MD, an ophthalmologist, and his mother Jeanne Jacobson, a trained concert pianist and piano instructor. Known for his subtle sense of humor and love of family, he was an avid sports fan. He is survived by his wife, Jean, daughter, Maxine, and brother, Fruman (Marian). The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations to the Eugenia R. Jacobson and Max M. Jacobson, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund (#12772236) at the University of Illinois Foundation.

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Janke, Russell 'Rus'

Russell "Rus" Janke, 85, of Naperville, IL, passed away on January 16, 2023, at Edward Hospital. He was born on August 18, 1937, in Berwyn, IL, to Evelyn A. nee Hineman and Eric E. Janke. Loving husband of Carolyn nee Maass who he married on September 24, 1960, in Cicero IL. Dear father of Rick (Lori) Janke, Susan (Allison Minugh) Janke, and Doug (Ann) Janke. Loving grandfather of Eric (Jess Nelson) Janke, Emily (Josh) kolof, Max Janke, and Nathan Janke. Rus was preceded in death by his parents, and Sister Geraldine Kessie. Rus grew up in Brookfield IL and attended Riverside Brookfield High School class of 1955. He went on to earn a bachelors degree from Illinois Institute of Technology in Mechanical Engineering. Later in life he earned his MBA from the University of Illinois Chicago. Rus worked for International Harvester and later Case International for over 38 years. Rus was a lifetime member of the Society of Automotive Engineers Rus loved to ride his bicycle along the trails in the area he was a proud member of the Wheaton Park District Pedal Pushers. He enjoyed spending time in his woodshop his favorite thing to do was to work on the lathe. He spent time researching his families Genealogy. Most of all Rus loved to spend time with his family. In lieu of flowers donations to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago would be appreciated. A Memorial Visitation will be held on Saturday January 28 from 1PM to 4PM at **Friedrich Jones Funeral Home**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540.

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Jeon, Yooshik

Yooshik Jeon, 60, passed away January 14, 2023 after a hard-fought battle with stomach cancer. Born in Seoul, Korea to Chang Nam Jeon and Mal Soon Jeon; earned B.A. from Northeastern Illinois University; worked in nursing home marketing. He was the much-loved Marketing Director at Bria Healthcare. He married Cara Kranz on June 9, 2007 and was father to Leo and Owen Jeon, and stepfather to Charlie Kranz. Passionate about fishing and photography, Yooshik loved to cook for the people he cared about. Also survived by family: Sung Hee Hwang and Dae Yong Hwang, Helen Hwang, Heidy Hwang Evans, Heather Hwang Granada, Mia & Joseie Evans, Kai, Max & Luc Granada. Memorial visitation Sat. January 28, 2-6pm (4pm service), **Drake & Son Funeral Home**, 5303 N. Western Ave, Chicago, 60625. For info. contact **Drake & Son Funeral Home**, 773-561-6874 or www.DrakeandSonFuneralHome.com.

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Johnson, Lillian Margaret

Lillian Margaret Johnson passed away on October 9, 2021, at her home in Joliet, IL at age 71. Born in Chicago, IL to Edward Paul Johnson and Mary Catherine (nee Daly) Johnson, she is survived by her brother Robert Lahann Johnson of New Port Richey, FL. Lillian retired from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, where she had many loved and appreciated friends. She was a member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO. She enjoyed showing her Borzoi/Russian Wolfhounds at dog shows. She is interred at Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Petersburg, FL. Lillian is missed. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Lambs Farm https://lambsfarm.org/support/make-a-donation/

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Keno, Leona ''Lee"

Leona "Lee" Keno nee Nudelman, 96, beloved wife of the late Alan for 60 years; loving mother of Daniel (Dorothy), the late Marcy and Edward Keno; cherished Grandma of Tonya (Michael) Deberg and Jordan Keno; great grandmother of Eleanor; dear sister of Marilyn (the late Alvin) Coleman; many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Private service. For information or to leave condolences: **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, www.shalommemorial.org or (847) 255-3520.

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Kirchen, Dorothy L.

Dorothy L. Kirchen, age 98; dear daughter of the late August and Agnes Kirchen; fond sister of the late Clare, Rita (Edward) Wolff, Joseph (Doris), August, and Robert Kirchen; loving aunt of Lynne (the late Edward) Evans, Mark Wolff, Joseph (Kathryn) Kirchen, Jacqueline (James) Redmond, Daniel (Sandra) Kirchen, and the late Steven (Pat Constantine) Kirchen; cherished great-aunt and great-grand aunt of many.

Memorial Visitation Tuesday, January 24th, 10:00 a.m. until time of Memorial Mass, 11:00 a.m. at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Anti-Cruelty Society, Chicago, Good Shepherd Manor, Momence, IL, or a Charity of Your Choice, appreciated. Arrangements by **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**. Information: 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com.

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Kohn, Eunice

Eunice Esther Kohn, nee Levy, beloved wife of Morton for 57 wonderful years; loving mother of Brian (Mimi) Kohn, Cheryl (Gordon) Gillerman and Glen (Ashley) Kohn; cherished grandma of Blake and Chanel Kohn, Grant Gillerman, Grayson and Ellery Kohn; dear sister of the late Flo (the late Ira) Cahn; caring aunt of Debbie, Bobby, Maureen and Karen; treasured friend of many. Services have been held. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (www.msfocus.org). **To leave condolences and for information, including a link to view service: www.shalommemorial.org or (847) 255-3520**

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Kowalski, Bruce Joseph

Bruce Joseph Kowalski. Age 64 of Park Ridge. Beloved father of Brian J. and Kevin J. Kowalski. Devoted former husband of Suzanne G. Kowalski. Family and friends will meet for a Funeral Mass, Monday, January 23, 10 a.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Church, 140 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Les Turner ALS Foundation, http://www.lesturnerals.org/donate will be appreciated. Funeral Information please visit, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Krueger, Charlotte

Charlotte Krueger, loving mother of Walter (Chanadda) Krueger, cherished grandmother of Ryan, Riley and Ryder Krueger, beloved sister of the late Charles Dunbar, fond aunt Leslie (Keith) Fredericks and Andrea (Claude) Sherman. Chapel Service 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien. Interment Chapel Hill Garden West Cemetery. Visitation Monday 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Kushnerik, Nicklas William

Nicklas William Kushnerik, 29, died suddenly on January 15, 2023. Nick was the cherished son of William and Suzanne (nee Winicki) Kushnerik and the loving big brother of Michael. Dear nephew of Colette (James) Askins, Barbara Winicki, Robert (Debbie) Winicki, and Peter Winicki. Fond cousin of Thomas Askins and the late Christian Winicki. Friend of many and fishing buddy to all. Nick was a proud graduate of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Marist High School, and the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, and a dedicated employee of Johnson Outdoors of Little Falls, MN. While at Marist, Nick joined the Bass Fishing Team, and his skill in and love of competitive fishing continued through the rest of his life, including competing in the Professional Musky Tournament Trail (PMTT). He will be missed beyond words. To honor Nick, please have a drink and a laugh with someone you love. Tight lines to all!

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Labus, Mark

Mark Labus, age 65, passed away suddenly on January 15, 2023. Devoted son of the late Bob and Jean Labus. Loving husband of Denise nee DiFranco. Cherished father of Nicholas (Jennifer), Jason, Michael (Breanne) and Vincent. Beloved "Papa" of Mac, Brady and Jackson. Dear brother of Leeann Labus, Fond uncle and a dear friend to many. Services will be held privately. Arrangements entrusted to **Green Burials of Love, Ltd.** Info: (847) 721-0322

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Lazar, Idele

Idele Lazar nee Melam, 89, beloved wife of the late Stuart; loving mom and best friend of Judy and Susan Lazar; daughter of the late Bessie and Albert Melam; adored sister of the late Dr. Howard Melam; fond aunt and friend to many. Idele attended Volta School and Von Steuben High School in Albany Park. She worked with her brother at Affiliated & Advanced Allergists. All patients knew Idele at the front desk. A kind, smart, generous, warm, friendly woman who will be deeply missed. Graveside service Monday 1:30 PM at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave, Norridge. Info: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.

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Lowry, Pamela Ann

Pamela Ann Lowry, nee Cherbo, 68 of Oak Park IL passed peacefully in her sleep at home on Saturday January 7, 2023, after a short illness. Beloved wife of Elliot Popowitz. Dear sister of Susan Ware and the late Sandy McGurn, dear sister-in-law of Bill Ware, Sharon (Robert) Glick, Norma Popowitz, fond stepmother of Rebecca Popowitz, adoring aunt of Patrick McGurn, Colleen Sonnefeldt (McGurn), Timothy McGurn and Teresa McAdams (McGurn), and loving daughter of the late Sam and Lucille Cherbo.

She grew up in Rogers Park went to Sullivan H.S. and loved being a Chicagoan. Pam worked for ADP during and after her college years at U of I. She left to pursue a career in massage therapy and In 1998 opened Lowry/Smalley Associates, a respected massage practice in Wilmette, IL. She helped many people with her talent and knowledge of anatomy. Pam met and befriended some wonderful people while there. She later joined Second City Computers as client satisfaction manager. Pam was a founding member and active participant in the Associated Women's Investment Club in Evanston, IL and a seriously active member of LeTip International, downtown Chicago chapter. She loved to travel internationally, Amalfi and Nevis both charmed her soul, she enjoyed any chance to catch up with friends and family and enjoyed her quiet time reading and being with Elliot. Pam had a phenomenal memory and would never forget a face. Her friends and business associates knew Pam put 100% of herself into relationships and rarely missed an opportunity to be thoughtful and supportive. She is loved and will be remembered by so many.

A celebration of Life is being planned for later this month. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Chicago Food Depository are encouraged.

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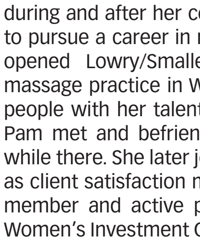
Luzietti, Nicholas J.



Nicholas J. Luzietti, age 76, of Chicago, retired Interior Design Architect. Beloved father of Tyler Luzietti and Nicole (Don) Morton; loving poppo of Li and Rudy Luzietti, Max and Mae Morton; former husband of Robyne Luzietti, née Mallon; former father-in-law of Nereida, née Diaz; fond brother of Martin and Thomas Luzietti and Debbie Oaks. A Celebration of Life will be held in the future. Memorial contributions may be made to the Irving Park YMCA, 4251 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL, 60641 (ymcachicago.org). Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook and to leave a condolence message.

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Masterson, Edward John

Edward John Masterson, age 77, of Barrington, IL, passed away on January 19th, 2023 surrounded by family. Beloved husband of Donna (Albrecht) Masterson; loving father of Chris (Katie) Masterson, Audra (Kevin) Powers, Jon (Ashley) Masterson; fond grandfather of Gavin, James, Emma, Caroline, Graham, Brooks and Lane; dear brother of Liz Hebson, Geege Masterson, Mary Welch, Jane Blair, Mike Masterson, and Sally Landri. Ed was born on March 7, 1945 to Jim and Marcella Masterson in Glenview, IL. Ed attended Notre Dame High School and he went on to graduate from Georgetown University. After graduating and working for the family business, Ed and Donna opened Hackneys Restaurant in Lake Zurich in 1969 and went on to operate that location for nearly 49 years. Services will be held at St. Anne Parish of Barrington on Tuesday, January 24. Visitation from 9-11 am with mass beginning at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the memory of Ed Masterson to the Cardiac Amyloidosis Research Program at foundation.nm.org.

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McKeever, John 'Jack'

John "Jack" McKeever, retired Chief of Police of Lindenhurst 1993-2011, Beloved husband of Mary. Loving father of Sara (Farzin) Parang and proud grandfather of Juliet. Dear brother of the late Joe (Sandy) and Jim (Kay) McKeever. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Rose Lamb. For information 708-710-9549.

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Mitsos, Marika

Marika Mitsos (nee Kodelas), 94, of Oak Brook, IL, died peacefully in her home on January 14, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on October 12, 1928 in Astros, Greece. Before the age of five, she dreamt of going to America, and by 1951, realized her dream. Within just a couple of weeks upon her arrival, she found a job at Simpson's Clothing Manufacturing. She lived for many years in Oak Park and Lombard, prior to moving to Oak Brook. Beloved wife for 49 happy years of Constantine; loving mother of Sophia, Nicholas, and Patrice; daughter of the late Demetre and Panayiota, nee Galanes. Predeceased by her brother George, sister Nicoletta, brother Louis, and sister Connie, who died as an infant. Marika had so many talents, but she was primarily known as a professional dressmaker who started studying her craft in Greece at the age of 14. A highly skilled and very talented professional by the age of 18 and throughout much of her adult life, Marika was an artist with fabric and a sewing machine. For clients and her daughters alike, she designed beautifully tailored coats, dresses, suits, jackets, slacks, blouses, costumes and ballroom outfits as well as exquisite wedding gowns and bridal party dresses, many times with no pattern. Her gifted hands so meticulously tailored every single one of her creations to a perfect fit for anyone fortunate enough to experience her craftwork. She was the personification of love, strength, kindness, dignity and compassion. Rest in peace, our precious sweet angel mother. May angels sing while welcoming you with open arms as you soar into Heaven. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 23, at 9:30am until time of funeral service 10:00am at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memories may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. For further information, please call 630-941-5860. Arrangements entrusted to **Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home**. May her memory be eternal.

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Moughamian, Henry

Dr. Henry Moughamian, 93, passed away peacefully at his home on 1/19/2023. He was born in Richmond, Virginia, to Armenian immigrant parents, Simon and Elizabeth. Much of his youth was spent playing sports, but baseball was his passion. His education culminated in graduate degrees from Loyola University, leading to his career as an educator/administrator in the Chicago Public School System, Loyola University, and the City Colleges of Chicago. After retiring in 1985, he and his wife, Pat, traveled abroad and made many trips to Tucson, Arizona, where he enjoyed hiking and playing baseball with the Tucson Old-Timer's League. He also loved music and theatre, gardening, grilling, horse racing, and playing pinochle and backgammon. He was devoted to his sisters Christine, Virginia, Margaret and Rose, who preceded him in death, and his brother, Simon Jr. He was a loving father and grandfather. He touched the lives of many friends and neighbors with his generous and caring nature. He is survived by his loving wife and puzzle-making companion of 65 years, Pat; sons Paul (Mary Ann) Moughamian, Tim (Jodi) Moughamian and Bob (Cindy) Moughamian; daughters Mary (Tom) Grittani and Sharon (Steve) Burke; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday January 23, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Emily Church, 1400 E. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Armenian General Benevolent Union (https://agbu.org/give) or WTTW Chicago (https://interactive.wttw.com/support).
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Nau, Simone

Simone Nau, a Haitian-American who worked as a surgical nurse in numerous hospitals in the Chicagoland area and eventually retired after 45 years in the operating room. She was a mother to three sons, Wesner, Gerald and Ronald and a grandmother to Natalie, Nicole, Sabine, Camille and Jacques. She is survived by her brother's children Dr. Carline Oyadiran and Judith Hyppolite, and by her sister Laure Georges.
Her wake and funeral service will be held at St Thomas the Apostle, 5472 S. Kimbark Ave Chicago, IL 60615 at 10am and 11am respectively on the 28th of January, 2023.

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Nedeau, Jodie Lynn

Jodie Lynn Nedeau, age 65, a longtime resident of Lake Bluff, IL passed away on January 17, 2023. Jodie was born on September 3, 1957 in Milwaukee, WI. She graduated from Milwaukee's Hamilton High School in 1974, received her B.A. from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in mathematics and psychology in 1978 and earned her J.D. from Marquette University Law School in 1981. Following her graduation from Marquette, Jodie began an illustrious legal career, practicing international and corporate law, culminating in a partnership at Sidley Austin, for over 30 years. Jodie was the beloved mother of Tyler (Kelsey), Tad (Julie), Ann Marie (fiancé Dylan McGoldrick), Haley, and Mia Nedeau; cherished grandmother of Henry and Etta; daughter of Jean Ervin and the late Walter Nowotny; sister of Michael and Mark (Lisa) Nowotny and former spouse to Nicholas Nedeau. Through both her children and volunteer work, Jodie was heavily involved in the communities of Lake Bluff and Lake Forest, where she forged many wonderful friendships. For many years she was a familiar face at Forest Bluff Montessori, The Winter Club and The Community Church of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, where she remained an active member of the congregation. Jodie was passionate about her volunteer work, particularly organizations that helped children, serving as a board member of Allendale and working with Kids Uganda, where she was instrumental in building a girls' dormitory that has served hundreds of young women. When not working or spending time with her children and grandchildren, Jodie could be found taking walks through Lake Forest and Lake Bluff with her many friends and reading voraciously. Her children will proudly and lovingly remember her as their staunchest advocate and for her refusal to sweat the small stuff. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023 in the John & Nancy Hughes Theater at Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. A reception for friends and family will be held immediately following the service. For information – **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest**, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jodie's name may be made to the Allendale Foundation at https://allendale4kids.org/in-memory-of-board-member-jodie-nedeau/.

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O'Connell, Timothy

Timothy O'Connell of Knocknagoshel, County Kerry, Ireland. 94 years of age, at rest January 19, 2023. Loving husband of Rosemary, nee O'Brien for over 67 years. Dear father of Kathleen (Richard) Kirley, Tim, Patrick, Daniel (Erin), Maureen (James) Schroeder, Kevin, James (Michelle), and the late Michael and late Billy. Grandfather of Josh Kirley, Brendan (Angela) Kirley, Alec (Amanda), Kylie, Katie, Sean, Liam, Danny, Rory, and Riley. Great-grandfather of Noah Kirley. Services are Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 9:45 am at Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd., 2921 S. Harlem Ave., Berwyn to St. Leonard Church. Mass 11:00 am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation is Monday, January 23, 2023, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. In lieu of flowers donations preferred for masses or to the Core Uganda/ Bill O'Connell Memorial Block. Info at: 708-484-4111 or www.adolfservices.com.

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Omori, Alan J.

Alan J. Omori, 63, of Chicago, passed away at his home on January 17, 2023, surrounded by his family. Beloved husband to Melissa (née McGuan) for 36 years, and devoted father to Elaine and Alan T. Son of Toyoko Omori (née Kuwahara) and the late Thomas Omori, and brother to Michael (Bill Ferguson) Omori. Alan was loved by all for his sense of humor and contagious laugh. He enjoyed spending time with family, going out to restaurants, and traveling. He was a caring husband, a loving father, and a wonderful friend, and he will be missed by all who knew him. His funeral service & visitation will be held Saturday, January 28, at Midwest Buddhist Temple (435 W. Menomonee St., Chicago, IL 60614). The visitation will take place from 1pm-2pm, and the service from 2pm-3pm.

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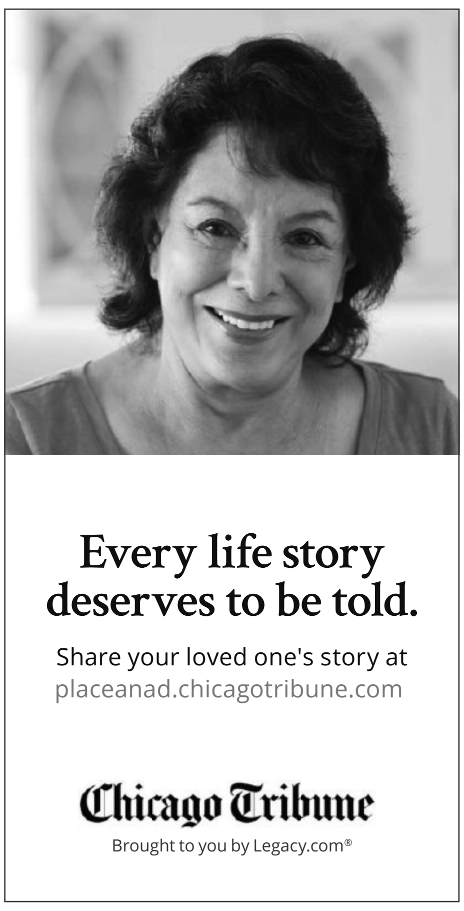

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Pancoe, Arthur

Arthur Pancoe was born in Chicago on October 23, 1925, the fourth child of Morris Pancoe and Florence Lidsky. He lived the first 90 years of his life on the north shore, attending public schools, the University of Wisconsin and Northwestern University, where he earned a masters in mathematics. Art enlisted in the Navy in 1944, serving in the Pacific arena as an Ensign, transporting gunpowder and oil through enemy waters, a sitting duck on his slow moving ship. When he returned home, Art joined Standard Stationery, the family business, and taught mathematics to returning veterans. He married his beloved life partner and wife of sixty-two years, Gladys (Hap) Lipschultz in 1947. They had two children, Mariann and Michael. In his mid-forties, Art left a secure career in manufacturing to become a stockbroker. He went from cold-calling at Smith Barney, to being profiled by Money & Fortune magazines for his stock picking prowess in the biotech sector. Art never retired, ending his career as a Senior Vice President at Morgan Stanley. To say that Art lived and breathed stocks wouldn't be an understatement. It wasn't what he did, it was who he was. Art also lived and breathed Northwestern, as a student, a teacher, a director and a lifelong Wildcats fan. In 2003 he received the Alumni Medal, the alumni association's highest honor, for his philanthropic endeavors. He will be remembered as a philanthropic and energetic man, who believed in giving back to his community through service on many boards. He was never happier than when he was fishing on Lake Geneva or skiing at Vail. Art was predeceased by his parents, Morris and Florence Pancoe, his brother Earl, his sisters Lenore and Shirley and his granddaughter Beth. He is survived by his brother Walter of Wilmington, NC; children Mariann Pancoe of Vero Beach, FL and Michael Pancoe of Mount Desert, Maine; his daughter-in-law Ellie; three grandchildren – Julia, Hannah and Alex (& wife Nina) and one great-grandchild, Zephyr; also many nieces, nephews and their families, and his best friend Henry Bienen. Art also will be missed by all of his communities: his hometown of Glencoe, IL, his synagogue at North Shore Congregation Israel, his team at Morgan Stanley, with whom he worked for over forty years, his Northwestern family and his buddies at Harry's Delicatessen, where he held court giving stock advice for years. Our family especially wishes to thank Art's caretaker Risa Andrade, who became 'family of the heart' for her devotion to Art's wellbeing these past six years. A celebration of life will be held in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, donations in Art's memory can be made to the Lurie Cancer Center. For info: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** 847-256-5700

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Pandis, John Nicholas

John Nicholas Pandis, age 62, of Skokie, died peacefully Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Beloved husband of Phanompon; loving son of the late Nicholas and Dena; dear brother of the late Alexander. Visitation, Monday, January 23, 2023, from 5 to 8 p.m., at HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral Service, Tuesday, January 24, at 11:30 a.m., at the funeral home. Interment, St. Peter's United Church of Christ Cemetery, Skokie. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook and to leave a condolence message.

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Pavalon, Lois

Lois Pavalon, age 86, died on January 14th, 2023, surrounded by her children. Her husband, Eugene Pavalon, pre-deceased her. She is survived by her children, Betsy (Barry) Levin, Bruce (Laura Schroeter), and Lynn (Scott Phillips) Pavalon. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Zachary Levin, Michael Levin, Isaac Pavalon, Abel Pavalon, Rayne Phillips, Finley Phillips, and Hailey Phillips. She is also survived by her brother, Dick (Sherry) Frenzel. Lois graduated from design school with a degree in interior design. She loved all things beautiful. Conversely, all that she loved was beautiful to her, notably her children and grandchildren. Throughout her life, Lois and her husband Eugene Pavalon, actively worked for charitable cause, including the Gastrointestinal Research Foundation and multiple Jewish causes. She died one day before what would have been her 63nd wedding anniversary. Private family services have been entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621

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Price, James Orion

Jim, age 69, passed away Dec. 15, 2022. He leaves to mourn his long time companion, Patti Elsner. His sisters, Jacky Winter & Paula Pettey, his many cousins, and best friends, Rick Dreher & Frank Karli and his work buddies at R&R.
He grew up in LaGrange & Hillside, where he discovered his love of music and learned to play the drums. This led to his career performing in numerous bands and later his interest in recording and working in the music industry.
A celebration of life will be held Sat. 1-28: 12-4 @ Zazzo's. 200 W. Ogden, Westmont

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Redding, Herbert W. 'Herb'

Herbert W. "Herb" Redding, age 80, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1978, formerly of Oak Park, IL, Santa Clara and Woodland Hills, CA and Miami, FL, passed away on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at his favorite place, Marco Island, FL. **Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.**
For service times and a complete obituary, please call (630) 355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com for more information.

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Schalk, Karl F.

Karl F. Schalk age 94 of Park Ridge. Beloved husband to the late Ruth Ann nee Pagel. Loving father of Kenneth, Steven (Toni) and the late Keith (Joanne nee Kaad) Schalk. Visitation Monday, January 23 from 4-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home** 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Graveside service at Town of Maine Cemetery (Touhy and Dee Rd.), Tuesday, January 24 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Guardian Hospice (181 Waukegan Rd., Northfield IL 60093).

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Schaller, Dolores Riley

Dolores Riley Schaller of Northbrook passed away on January 14, 2023. She was 95.
Born on July 2, 1927, to William and Anna (Carbery) Riley, Dolores was raised in Joliet with her late brother James Riley, her late sister Geraldine McMaster, and her brother William Riley before moving with her family to the South Side of Chicago. There she met and married George J. Schaller, whose family founded and ran Schaller's Pump, and who himself went on to become a Circuit Court Judge in Cook County.
Together Dolores and George built an extraordinary life in Chicago. During their marriage, they had seven children, whom they raised in Beverly and eventually Riverside. When her children finished college, Dolores decided to do the same – in her 50s – graduating with honors from George Williams College. Never a spectator in life, after finishing her degree Dolores went on to myriad pursuits, including selling real estate, publishing poetry, and even authoring a novel. Dolores and George eventually left their empty nest in Riverside for a home in Northbrook to be closer to their ever-growing number of grandchildren. George and Dolores were married for nearly 50 years, until his death in 1996. After George's death, Dolores founded the successful and still-running Society of Active Single Seniors (fondly referred to as "SASS"). There she met Chuck Preihs, and they went on to have a 24-year romance. During her many years, Dolores traveled the world, and her homes in Chicago and its suburbs were beautiful, as were her home in Jensen Beach, Florida and her sailing yacht in Chicago's Burnham Harbor. She enjoyed spending time with her seven children: Gail (Thomas) Breen of Northbrook; the late George (Jean) Schaller, Jr of Arlington Heights; Joyce (the late Louis) Vitullo of Glenview; Gloria (Thomas) Drake of Arlington Heights; William (Jane) Schaller of Lake Forest; Mark (Laurie) Schaller of Arizona; and Robert (Nancy) Schaller of Hinsdale. She was also a proud grandmother to 18 grandchildren and great-grandmother ("GG") to 10 great-grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all her family, both close and extended.
Dolores was refined and articulate and always well-dressed, a woman of style as well as substance, to be sure. Wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; sister, aunt, friend and mentor. Above all else, matriarch. Dolores played many great roles in her long life, and she played them greatly.
She gave life. She lived life. She was life. May she rest in peace now and forever.
Wake on Thursday, January 26, 2023, from 4 to 8 pm at N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 North Waukegan Road, Glenview, Illinois 60025. Funeral Mass on Friday, January 27, 2023,at 10 am at St. Norbert's Church, 1809 Walters Avenue, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. Interment (private) at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Schiller, Clifford J. 'Cliff'

Clifford J. "Cliff" Schiller, age 74, a resident of Woodridge IL, formerly of Worth, IL, passed away on Sunday January 15, 2023, at his home. He was born February 19, 1948, in Chicago, IL.
Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.
For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Selim, Samir "Sam"

Samir "Sam" Selim, 59 of Hoffman Estates. Beloved husband of the late Stacey J. Selim, nee Webb. Loving father of Chester (Rajvi) and Jason (Susie) Selim. Cherished grandfather of Sophia, Peyton and Oliver. Dear brother of Madeline (Wadie) Milad, Youssef (Mona) Selim and Yvette Colbec. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Thursday from 3 to 8 PM at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Funeral mass 10:00 AM Friday St. Hubert Church, 729 Grand Canyon Street, Hoffman Estates. Interment Mt. Olive Cemetery, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated to American Diabetes Association, 55 E Monroe Street, Ste 3420, Chicago, IL 60603. Funeral information, video tribute or online condolences www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Semenchuk, Erica

Erica Semenchuk passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family after a three-year battle with colon cancer on January 19th. Erica was born on July 4th 1978 in Sandwich, IL, so every birthday was a celebration of fireworks for her. Erica's family was her life, her love, and her everything. She was known and loved by many, as her kindness, generosity, and true compassion for people were a beacon of light. Erica loved being a dance mom, a football mom, the best mom and wife in the world, cheering on the Bears and Sox with her family, her pets Rudy, Fancy, S'mores, and Peanut, flowers, her garden, anything purple, reading, writing, and the farm she grew up on. With Journalism and English degrees, and a Masters in Teaching, she is likely editing this from Heaven right now. She is survived by her devoted husband of 20 years Charlie (Chuck) Semenchuk, the absolute lights of her life Hadley, Eleanor, and Patrick, her parents Gary and Leslie Fatland, brother Nate (Shannon) Fatland, brother Luke (Kathi) Fatland, sister Taylor (Mitch) Bogda, and her five nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will take place at Lord of Glory Lutheran Church 607 W Belvidere Rd Route 120, Grayslake, IL on Wednesday January 25th. Visitation will be from 1-5pm, followed by a worship service, and internment of ashes in the garden. The family asks that everyone wear something purple since this was Erica's favorite color. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following causes in Erica's honor: A college fund for Hadley, Eleanor, and Patrick (https://www.gofundme.com/f/s47qf), the Mayo Clinic cancer research fund, or the Erica Semenchuk Memorial Scholarship fund at Lord of Glory Lutheran Church. All funeral arrangements were entrusted to **Strang Funeral Chapel**, 410 E. Belvidere Road, Grayslake, IL 60030. For more information, please call (847) 223-8122 or visit www.StrangFuneral.org.

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Shaird, Virginia

Virginia Shaird beloved wife of the late Isaiah; loving mother of Viavery Williams, Larry Braboy, Isaiah (Linda) Wilson, John MD Shaird, Cynthia Shaird-Watson (Willie Watson) & the late Herbert Shaird, Krestell Thompson, Sherby Smith & Jerry Shaird; dear grandmother of many. Visitation Friday 4-7pm & Saturday 9am until time of service 10:30am at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW corner of Roosevelt & Mannheim Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com

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Shirkey, Therese

Therese Shirkey, age 84 of Warrenville, IL, passed away on January 18, 2023. Beloved wife of 22 years to the late Carl Shirkey. Dear mother of Gail (Thomas) Sanecki and Paul (the late Laila) Shirkey. Beloved daughter of the late Charles and Frances Wertelka. Proud grandmother of Benjamin (Genesis) Sanecki, Kristen (Richard) Rector, Ryan Shirkey and Adele Shirkey. Great-grandmother to Mila Sanecki. Dear sister of the late Sr. M. Dolorosa and the late Raymond Wertelka. Therese is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. The visitation will take place Saturday, January 28, 2023, from 2:00-5:00 PM at DuPage Memorial Chapel. The service will begin at 5:00 PM. Address: 951 W. Washington St, West Chicago, IL, 60185.

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Snyder, Lee R.

The Snyder family is sad to announce Lee Snyder's passing on January 19 at his home in Chicago. He was 68. Lee was born in Skokie, IL where he fostered a large network of childhood friends who remained close to him. While not tall in stature, he had a tall personality - full of character and humor. He was outgoing and loved by many, having built deep friendships through his long tenure in the scrap metal and steel industries. Lee was a loving step father to Gabriel Torres and devoted husband to his wife, the late Amber. Lee was a dear son of the late Helen Snyder and the late Burton R. Snyder and beloved brother of Jonathan (Marla), Peter, the late Susan Snyder and the late Nancy Snyder. Cherished uncle and loyal friend of many. Service Monday 12PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Central Avenue Synagogue Chabad in Highland Park, IL, or WTTW Chicago. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Socha, Evelyn

Evelyn Socha, beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Scott (Lois) Socha. Grandmother of Kevin (Victoria) Scoha. Great grandmother of Yvonne. Memorial mass Thursday, January 26, at St. Julie Billiart Church 7399 W. 159th St.Tinley Park, IL 60477. Info **Giancola Funeral & Cremation** 800.975.4321 www.giancolafuneral.com

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Staehle, Mary A.

Mary A. Staehle, 100, of Cairo, Mo, formerly of Melrose Park, IL, passed away December 21, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Edward Staehle; Devoted mother of Bruce (Leilani Nixon) Staehle and Patricia (Matthew) Auriene. Fond grandmother of Melissa (Eric) Kachin and James (Amy) Auriene; Dear great grandmother of Mikayla Kachin, Abigail and Iain Auriene. Interment: Mount Emblem Cemetery at a later date.

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Steffy, Marion N.

Marion Steffy (nee Jackopin) was a person who always lit up the room with her smile and positive life attitude. Born in Painesville, Ohio in 1937, she was a high school cheerleader and a graduate of The Ohio State University. With her first husband, Don Steffy, she had a son, Christopher. Marion began her career in public service with the Indiana Welfare Department. She moved to Chicago in 1986 when she joined the US Department of Health and Human Services ultimately serving as the Regional Director. In 1998, she married second husband Jim Nieds, becoming stepmother to Mark Nieds. Marion was grandmother to Jack, Luke, Drake, and Beckett Steffy and step grandmother to Ben and Lucy Nieds. In her retirement, Marion became an accomplished artist, avid reader, world traveler, and doting grandmother. In May 2022, she was diagnosed with an inoperable and uncurable glioblastoma brain tumor. Marion was very spiritual and prayed daily with her husband Jim for acceptance, undying faith, peace, and love. After a long and tiring battle with glioblastoma she died peacefully in her sleep January 16, 2023. Surviving Marion are her husband Jim Nieds, twin sisters Jane and Joan, their husbands Dave Sanderson and Lee Whitaker, brother in-law David Steffy and his wife Diane, sister-in-law Mary Ann Jackopin, son Christopher Steffy and his wife Kimberly Steffy, step-son Mark Nieds, grandchildren, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and countless friends. A Celebration of Marion's Life will occur at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 708 W Belmont Ave. Chicago, IL on May 20, 2023. Visitation will begin at 9:30 AM with Mass at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mark M Connelly Center for Cancer and Specialty Care, St. Joseph Hospital, 2899 N Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60657, attention Wendy Starr.

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Stowell, Harold Thurber 'Thurb'

Harold Thurber Stowell ("Thurb"), 102, of Downers Grove, passed away Jan. 5, 2023. Born Nov. 18, 1920 to Harold Stowell and Margaret Edith Stowell (née Boughton) in Northampton, MA, he is preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife Gladys Stowell (née Vaughan). He is survived by his children Kenneth Stowell and Gary Stowell (Julia, née Dvorak), his grandchildren Jenna Kiel, Daniel Stowell (Beth, née Gienko), Uddhava Stowell and Celena Stowell, and his great-grandchildren Mitchell Thurber Stowell and Madeleine Phinn Kiel. Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 at 10:30 am at First Congregational Church of Western Springs, 1106 Chestnut St., Western Springs, IL 60558. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Project C.U.R.E. or to First Congregational Church of Western Springs.

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STROEDE, HENRIK H.

Henrik H. Stroede, 91, of Downers Grove, formerly of Darien. Beloved husband of Irma. Loving father of Susan Schillaci (fiancé David LaGrange), the late Irene and the late Michael Stroede. Devoted grandfather of Brett (Erin), Matthew (Becky Caples) and the late Ryan Schillaci. Dear great-grandfather of Vincenzo, Annabelle, Olivia and Mia Schillaci. Fond uncle of many. Memorial Visitation 10am until Memorial Service 11am Friday, January 27, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 11500 German Church Road, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. Inurnment will be private. Henrik was born in Germany and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Burr Ridge since 1970. He worked for Robert Bosch Company for 30 years. A proud Army Veteran, Henrik was an SP 4 in E Company, and a member of the 502nd Infantry and 101st Airborne Division. Kindly omit flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Downers Grove at 630/964-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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Svoboda, Carol

Carol Adams Svoboda, age 87, beloved mother, grand and great-grandmother, family member and friend, passed away on January 13, 2023 after a recent struggle with Alzheimer's. She was born on April 15, 1935 in Omaha, NE to Gordon and Myrtle (Webb) Adams, was educated in the Denver primary schools and at Hopkins High School in Minnesota, and graduated from Lawrence University in Wisconsin in 1957 with a history major and teaching certification. At Lawrence, Carol met Frank Svoboda whom she married in 1957. Carol and Frank celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in March 2017. Frank unexpectedly passed away a few months later at age 83.

Following college, and after a short stay in Japan where Frank completed his U.S. Air Force service, the couple settled in Des Plaines, IL, where Frank worked with his father at Svoboda's Men's Wear, an established retail clothing business. It was here that Carol and Frank raised their five children. In between managing a household of five active kids, Carol found time to enjoy her horseback riding, reading, knitting, Theta bridge group, and many circles of friends. Carol and Frank were prominent members of First Congregational Church in Des Plaines for 35 years and later of Barrington United Methodist Church after they moved to the Barrington area in 1992. Carol loved bringing people together and serving others. She was often the first to welcome a new family to the neighborhood, and the one to host a farewell party for departing friends. She was always ready to volunteer her time for a church or school event. As a more recent example of her efforts, Carol started the shawl ministry and the traveling tea parties at Barrington United Methodist Church. Along with husband Frank, Carol enjoyed the outdoors. In particular, Carol cherished time spent with family and friends at the family cabin on Smoky Lake, WI, built in 1982. The cabin allowed her to enjoy woodland walks with her dogs, cross-country skiing, summer lake activities and picnics at "sister bay," a spot on the lake between the Svoboda cabin and the cabin next door owned by Carol's sister Janet's family. In 2019, Carol moved from her Barrington Hills home to a villa at the Garlands of Barrington. The move was fortuitous in better allowing for her care, under the watchful eye of devoted caregiver Mary Grace Ventenilla, due to the rapid progression of Alzheimer's in the past few years. As a true mark of her character, Carol retained, to the end, the same gentle, sweet spirit she epitomized throughout her life. Carol is survived by sons John (Jill) Svoboda and Paul Svoboda of Chicago, IL; daughters Kathryn (Kerry) Vermeer of Minneapolis, MN, Sarah (Ken) Wright of Durango, CO, and Margaret Svoboda of Sacramento, CA; grandchildren Sam, Adam and Lucy (Matt Nussbaum) Svoboda, Grace (Brooks) Van Horn, Gordon (Sarah) Vermeer, Evert Vermeer, and Webb and Anna Wright; great-grandchildren Emery and Shiloh Van Horn and Elizabeth Carol Vermeer; and sister Janet A. Oatman. A service celebrating Carol's life will be held at Barrington United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 4 at 11 a.m., with visitation at the church starting at 10 a.m. On Friday, March 3, visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Davenport Family Funeral Home, 149 W. Main St. (Lake-Cook Road), Barrington. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Carol's name to Barrington United Methodist Church, 98 Algonquin Road, Barrington, IL 60010, or to Lawrence University/Svoboda Scholarship Fund, 711 E. Boldt Way, Appleton, WI 54911 (go.lawrence.edu – please note Svoboda Scholarship in the "other" gift designation).

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Thatcher, Dr. Walter Eugene 'Drizz'

Walter passed away December 18, 2022 at his home in Edina, MN of natural causes at the age of 95. He was born in Evanston, IL, January 22, 1927 and forever remained true to the Blackhawks and Cubs. Walter graduated from New Trier HS and enrolled at Northwestern University but withdrew in good standing to join the Navy. He served from March 1945-July 1946 reaching the rank of Aviation Radioman third class and was honorably discharged due to his only sibling killed during WWII. Walter went on to graduate from Northwestern University earning his BS degree in Liberal Arts, then continued at the University of IL, earning his MS degree, then PhD in Philosophy of Chemistry. Walter moved to Minnesota to start his lifelong career at 3M in St Paul as a Senior Chemist in the Analytical section (1954-1991). He made the most of the seasons, enjoying hockey, golf, skiing, bowling, kayaking, and fishing. Walter was musically inclined (playing the bass fiddle and piano), and was an avid reader and chess player. He passed along many of these talents and passions to his children. Walter is survived by his sons, Clifford, Thomas, Todd, Bill, Mitchell, Kenneth (Hale) Thatcher; daughters, Christine Koehler, Linda, Patricia, Becky Borsheim; daughter-in-law, Lindi (Richard Thatcher); grandchildren, Jennifer Koehler (Cain), Timothy Koehler, Holly (Isham), Becky Thatcher, Brooklyn Borsheim; great- grandchildren, Kolton and Abbott (Cain), Lyra and Cindel Koehler, Luella Isham; and wife, Joan (Sewall) Thatcher; step-sons, Christopher, Barry, Cary (Marla) Sewall; and step-grandsons, Ryan, Matt, Kyle and Collin Sewall. Walter is also survived by his "angels on earth." These were Walter's longterm caregivers who filled his last few years with care and love: daughter, Linda, niece, Holly, and Jeanine Barrett, Kelly Kalthoff, Marija Knezevich and Alesha Bruggraff. Walter was preceded in death by brother, Richard (Dick) Thatcher; mother, Lillian (Pan) Evarts; father, Everett Thatcher; first born, Richard Thatcher; and grandson, Christian Thatcher; first wife, Marion L. Place (Thatcher-Etchells); second wife, Janet Gehlsen (Hale-Thatcher), brother-in-law and forever friend, Lewis N. Place; and mother-in-law, Marion C. Place. Celebration of life will be June 2023, Stillwater, MN. Private burial will follow in Illinois where he will be laid to rest alongside his brother, pop, and mom. In lieu of flowers a contribution to a charity of your choice in Walter's name is appreciated.

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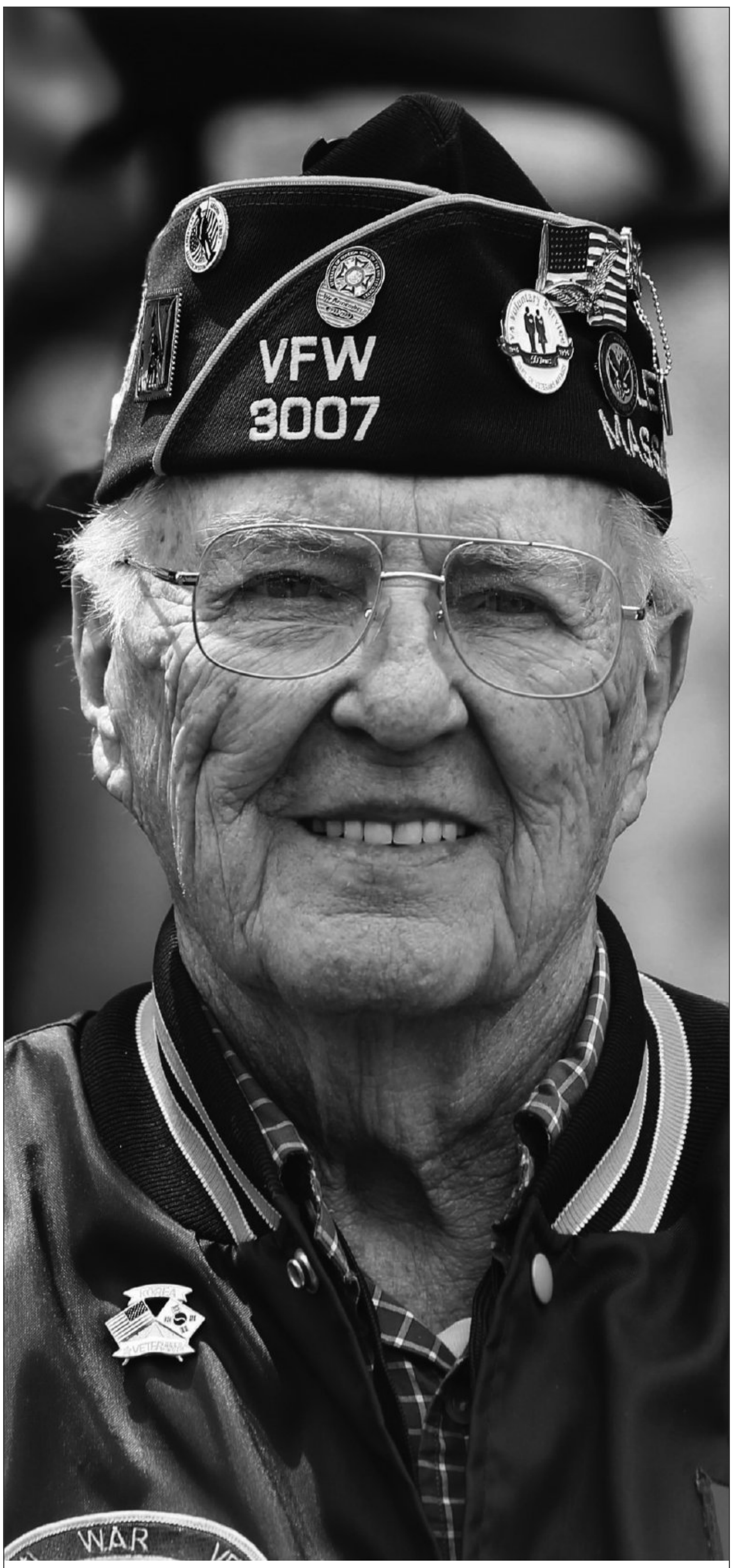
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Thompson, Lupe 'Lu'

Lupe "Lu" Thompson, nee Moreno, 90, of Carol Stream, passed away January 15, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Jack; fond mother of Mary (Steven) Lahmann, the late Chuck Ohlson, Rob (Julie), Sandy (Vidal) Reyes; Grandmother of John, David, Chrissy, Matt, Danny, Kelly, Michael, Ana; Great-grandmother of 8; sister of late brothers Jesse, Augie, Tete, Charlie. Born in Chicago, she was a longtime resident of Elmhurst. Family will gather to remember her life in a private celebration.

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Vaughan, Deborah Morrow

Deborah Morrow Vaughan of Evanston, Illinois, passed away at home on Friday, January 20, 2023 at the age of 75. Debbie is survived by her husband of 34 years, James Vaughan; her loving son William of Evanston, IL; and her siblings Sheila of Rio Rancho, NM; Tim (Kevin Callahan) of Forest Hills, NY; Chris (Marianne) of Wichita, KS; and Dan of Wichita, KS. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Thomas and Evelyn (nee Schmidt) Morrow, and her brother Kevin. Funeral Mass Saturday, January 28, 2023 at Saint Athanasius Catholic Church, 1615 Lincoln Street, Evanston, IL 60201. For more information please visit **donnellanfuneral.com** or (847) 675-1990.

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Vlamis, Kathleen

Kathleen Vlamis, nee Grear, 71, of Morton Grove, beloved mother of Paul (Tracy) and Rebecca (Joshua Westlund); loving grandmother of Theodore, Loukas, Elias, and Ariadne; dear sister of Dr. Michael (Susan) Grear, Mary (Jerry) Eichner, Philip (Marcia) Grear, Bill (Janice) Grear, Ellen (James Friedenbach) Grear, Janice (Steven) Korn, Stacia Lacek, and the late Paula Grear, and Joe (Linda) Grear. Family and friends will meet for a memorial mass at Queen of Apostles Church 2330 W. Sunnyside Ave. Chicago, IL 60625 on Saturday, February 4th at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17 Chicago, IL 60601 appreciated. Sign online guest book at www.simkinsfh.com (847) 965-2500

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Vogel, Frank A.

Frank A. Vogel, died peacefully on January 16, 2023, U.S. Army Veteran and Chicago Public School History teacher for 30 years at Hubbard High School.

Devoted husband of Margaret, nee Flanagan; loving father of Frank (Susan), Tom (Col. U.S. Army, Ret.), and Dan (Col. U.S. Army, Ret.) (Amanda) Cherished grandfather of Frankie, Luke, Caroline and Molly. Fond brother of Paul (late Dorothy) and the late Charles (late Norma) and the late Lawrence. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Memorial Mass Friday, January 27, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at St. Julie Billiart Church, 7399 W. 159th St., Tinley Park, Illinois. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60660-1017. Services entrusted to **Cremation Society of Illinois**. 1-800-622-8358

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Wolfe, Helene Lorraine

Helene Lorraine (nee Rosedale) Wolfe, age 93, of Burr Ridge, formerly of Hinsdale passed away on Thursday, January 19th, 2023. "Lorraine" joins Jim, her beloved late husband and her two granddaughters Keely and Moira Creber in heaven. Preceded in death by her late parents, Dr. Raymond and Mrs. Helene (nee LaFleche) Rosedale. Devoted and loving mother of Yvonne (Mike) Jones, Mary (Vic) Babel, Theresa (Jon) Henderson, Jim (Nancy) Wolfe, Michaela (John) Creber, Kathleen (Bill) Ruesch and Lorrie (George) Marks. Beloved "Fifi" to Brian (Kathryn) Bazar, Matthew (Carrie) Bazar, Adam (Shawna) Bazar, Michael (Jen) Viano, James (Jenny) Viano, Jorie (Bill) Toce, Robbie Viano, Eric (Ha My Vu) Henderson, Kyle (Ali) Henderson, Garrett (Monica) Henderson, Alec Henderson, James (Caroline) Wolfe, Katarina Wolfe and Robbie Siegfried, Annalise Wolfe, Gunner Wolfe, Rutger Wolfe, Chloe (Dan) Dwyer, Thatcher Creber, James Creber, Emma Ruesch, Charlotte Ruesch, Grace Ruesch, John Marks, Hope Marks, Charlie Marks and Lily Marks. Adored Great Grandmother to Wolfe Bazar, Bleu Bazar, Belle Bazar, Max Bazar, Hank Bazar, Billy Bazar, Teddy Bazar, Ava Bazar, Maggie Viano, Patrick Viano, Tessa Viano, Gigi Viano, Katie Viano, James Viano, Rosie Toce, Mae Toce, Tyler Henderson, Maia Henderson and Annie Dwyer. Preceded in death by her younger siblings, Dr. Raymond Rosedale, Jr. and Yvonne Rosedale. Aunt to her beloved nieces and nephews.

Lorraine was born in Edmonton Alberta, Canada in 1929. She grew up in Canton Ohio where her father was a successful plastic surgeon. Lorraine met the love of her life, Jim Wolfe while she studied and graduated from Trinity University in Washington D.C. now known as Trinity Washington University. They were married on December 29, 1951, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Canton, Ohio. Lorraine continued onto Kent State University for advanced study in the field of Audiology and Speech Therapy.

Lorraine and Jim raised their family in Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale and Oak Brook successively. Lorraine was a loving and devoted mother while also being an active volunteer in the church and in her community.

Lorraine taught CCD at St. Isaac Jogues as a young mom, served on the Welcoming Committee, was a Eucharistic Minister and served as a Chaplin for Bereavement. She served on the Hinsdale Assembly Board for many years and was active in Catholic Charities, The Cancer Institute at Rush, the Service Club, the Hinsdale Auxiliary Board, Big Shoulders and Hinsdale Village Gardeners. Lorraine served as Program Director for the Collectors Club and enjoyed it tremendously. Lorraine served on the Board for Hinsdale Bank and Trust. She was a longtime member of the Hinsdale Golf Club.

Lorraine was a wonderful partner with Jim as he pursued a successful career in the railroad industry. She was a hostess and organizer for receptions, conferences, business car trips, black tie events and company functions.

Lorraine was a founding member of Wellness House in Hinsdale following Jim's death in 1988. She served on the Board for many years and always supported it every day of her life. She believed in its mission to help those living with cancer and their loved ones. She was known for always carrying Wellness House brochures and ready advice for anyone who needed it.

As active as Lorraine was, her family was her greatest pride and joy. She was surrounded by grandchildren and great grandchildren daily with visits and phone calls. She was happy to give advice and kept confidences with all of them. Lorraine was a loving and wonderful example to her entire family of how to live a good and full life.

Lorraine believed in treating others with kindness, giving back to the community and loving your family. Her legacy is of a life well lived with a full heart and generosity of spirit.

Funeral Services, Tuesday, January 24th, 10:00 AM Visitation until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 AM at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL. Private Family Interment Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to, Wellness House for Living with Cancer, 131 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale, IL, 60521 or www.wellnesshouse.org are appreciated. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home** Hinsdale. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com

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Zenkus, James J.

James J. Zenkus, age 72, of Woodridge. Beloved husband of Donna for 46 years. Loving father of Sara (Dave) Girgis, Scott Zenkus and Beth (Mike) Melvin. Devoted grandfather of Ariel, Trace, Jack, Cole, Aubrie and Kenedie. Cherished brother of Janet (Larry) Simpson and the Schluterman family. Dear uncle, cousin and friend to many. Visitation 4-8 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 24th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove. Prayers 10:15 a.m. Wednesday Jan. 25th at the funeral home to St. Scholastica Church for Mass at 11 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Cancer Society, West Suburban Humane Society or The Miller McNeil Woodruff Foundation would be appreciated. Funeral info 630-964-6500

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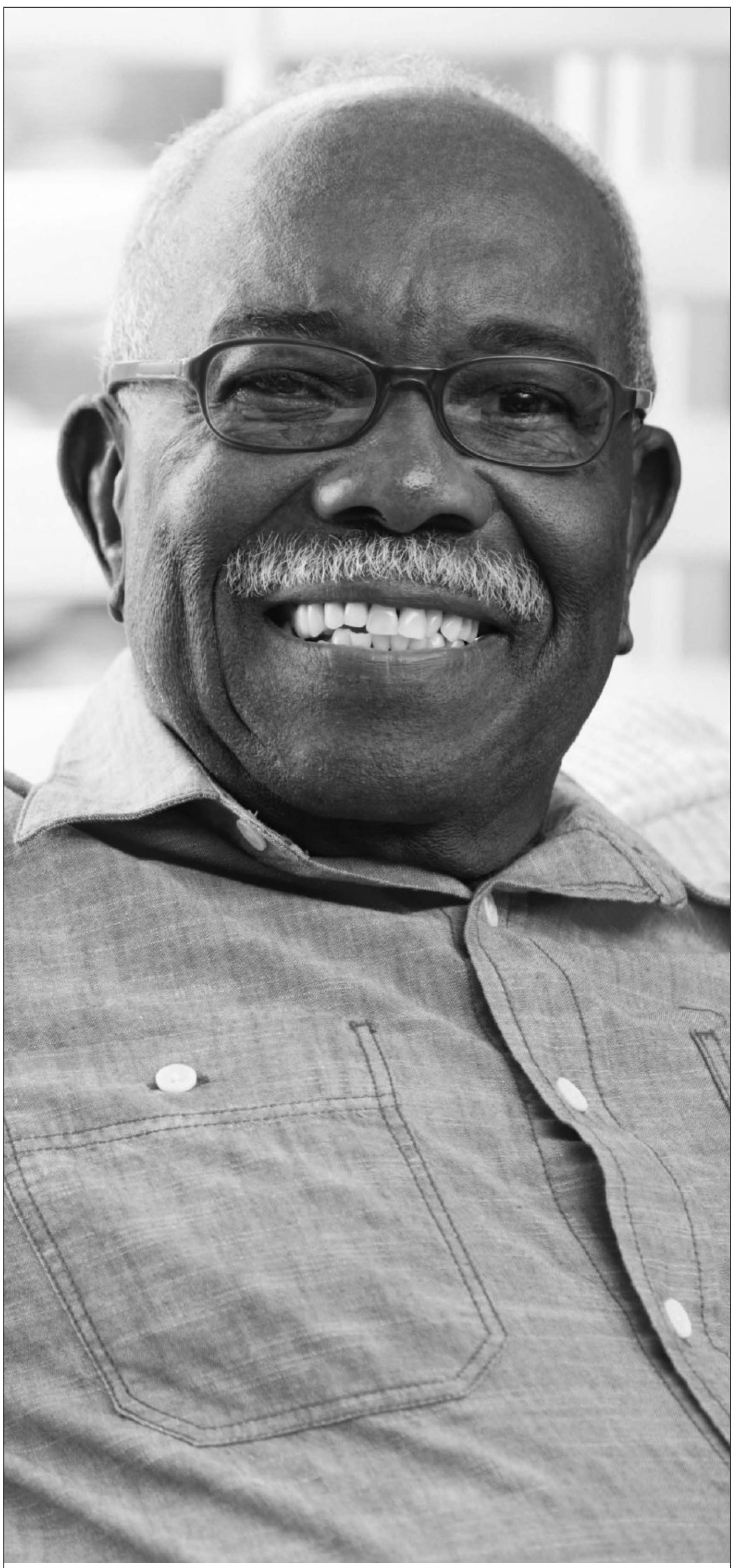

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ABC7 Outlook: Snow showers will fall mainly before noon, but flurries and light snow may linger into the afternoon.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night
High / Low	High: 35 Low: 27	High: 37 Low: 30	High: 38 Low: 30	High: 35 Low: 28	High: 31 Low: 24	High: 29 Low: 20
	A little morning snow; otherwise, cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Low clouds	Winds becoming strong; periods of wet snow	Cloudy with a flurry	Low clouds may break; breezy
POP	POP: 65%	POP: 0%	POP: 10%	POP: 95%	POP: 45%	POP: 25%
Winds	Winds: NNW 6-12 mph	Winds: WSW 8-16 mph	Winds: WSW 6-12 mph	Winds: NNE 25-35 mph	Winds: WSW 8-16 mph	Winds: SW 10-20 mph

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Sunday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RealFeel Temperature®	30	33	31	29	26	25	25

Sunday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Outdoor Activities Index	0	1	0	2	2	1	1
Fishing Index	0	4	3	1	0	0	0

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High	31
Low	28
Normal high	31
Normal low	18
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Record low	-22 (1984)

Local Temperatures

through 6 p.m. Saturday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	29	26	30	14
Gary	32	28	33	19
Kankakee	32	28	32	15
Lansing	31	28	32	17
Midway	31	28	32	19
Romeoville	31	27	31	15
Valparaiso	32	28	34	18
Waukegan	30	28	30	15

Saturday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Saturday*	Trace	0.00"	0.06"
Month to date	1.88"	0.36"	1.40"
Year to date	1.88"	0.36"	1.40"
Snowfall			
Saturday*	Trace	0.2"	0.4"
Month to date	0.4"	4.7"	7.3"
Season to date	4.7"	6.6"	16.9"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Saturday

Air Quality Index

Saturday's reading	Moderate
Sunday's forecast	Good
Primary pollutant	Particulates

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

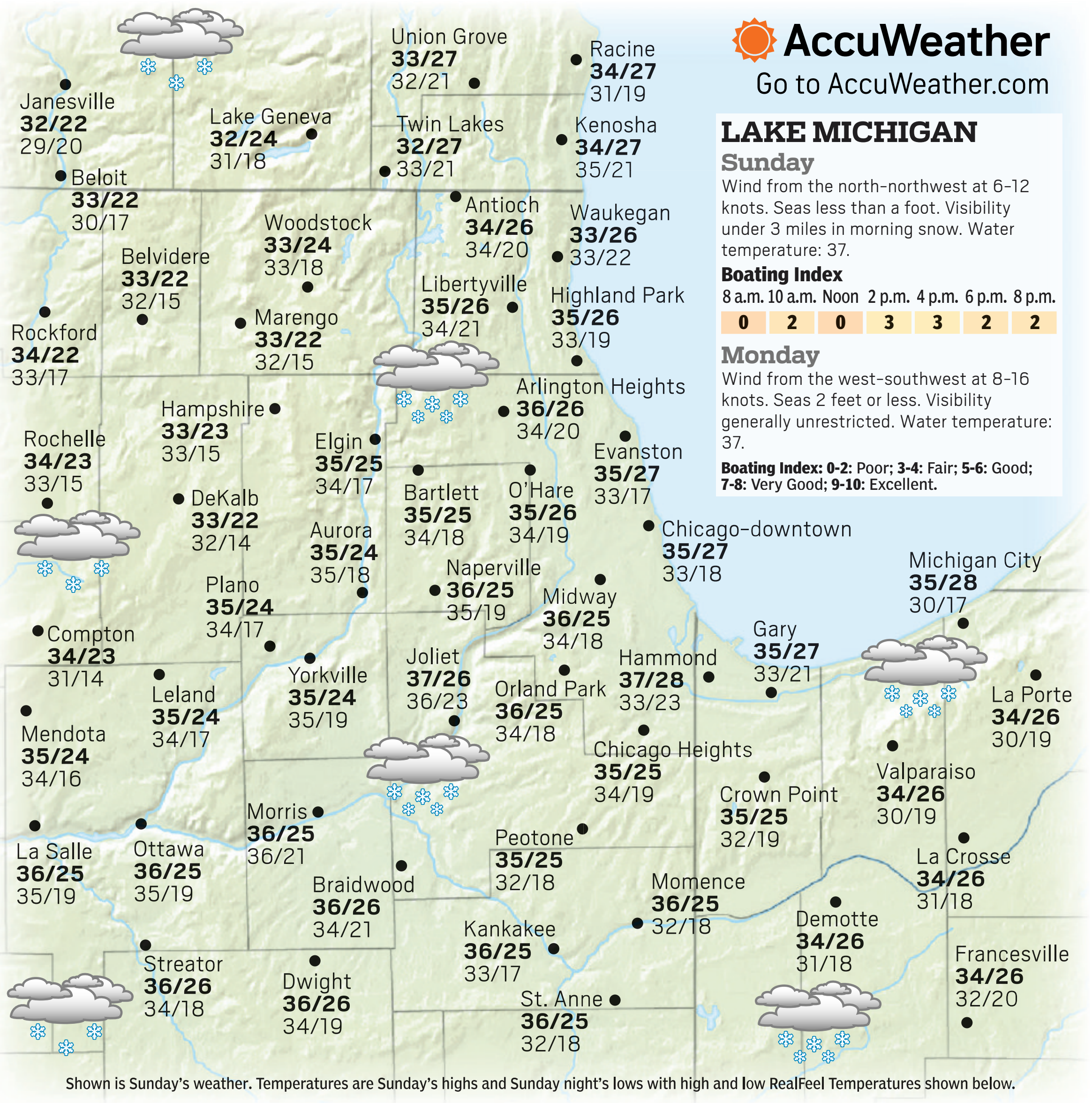
	Sun.	Mon.
Sunrise	7:12 a.m.	7:11 a.m.
Sunset	4:53 p.m.	4:54 p.m.
Moonrise	8:16 a.m.	8:51 a.m.
Moonset	5:58 p.m.	7:20 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 28	Feb 5	Feb 13	Feb 20

Sunday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:39 a.m.	3:07 p.m.
Venus	8:24 a.m.	6:42 p.m.
Mars	12:31 p.m.	3:52 a.m.
Jupiter	9:55 a.m.	10:06 p.m.
Saturn	8:23 a.m.	6:43 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 6:05 p.m. Mars: 6:05 p.m. Jupiter: 6:05 p.m. Saturn: 6:05 p.m. Mercury: 6:40 a.m.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Beloit 33/22 30/17
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O'Hare 35/26 34/19
DeKalb 33/22 32/14
Aurora 35/24 35/18
Chicago-downtown 35/27 33/18
Naperville 36/25 35/19
Michigan City 35/28 30/17
Plano 35/24 34/17
Midway 36/25 34/18
Compton 34/23 31/14
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Leland 35/24 34/17
Yorkville 35/24 35/19
Joliet 37/26 36/23
Orland Park 36/25 34/18
La Porte 34/26 30/19
Mendota 35/24 34/16
Chicago Heights 35/25 34/19
Valparaiso 34/26 30/19
Crown Point 35/25 32/19
Morris 36/25 36/21
La Salle 36/25 35/19
Ottawa 36/25 35/19
Peotone 35/25 32/18
La Crosse 34/26 31/18
Braidwood 36/26 34/21
Momence 36/25 32/18
Demotte 34/26 31/18
Kankakee 36/25 33/17
Streator 36/26 34/18
Dwight 36/26 34/19
Francesville 34/26 32/20
St. Anne 36/25 32/18

Shown is Sunday's weather. Temperatures are Sunday's highs and Sunday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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Sunday

Wind from the north-northwest at 6-12 knots. Seas less than a foot. Visibility under 3 miles in morning snow. Water temperature: 37.

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Boating Index	0	2	0	3	3	2	2

Monday

Wind from the west-southwest at 8-16 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility generally unrestricted. Water temperature: 37.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

ASK abc7

Larry Mowry

QUESTION: How much snow do we average in January? We must be way behind.

Joseph - Winfield

ANSWER: So far this January, we have only seen 0.4 of an inch of snow. This does not account for any snow that sticks this morning. January averages 11.3 inches of snow. February comes in second with 10.7 inches of snow. So although snow totals have been very low this season, we still have some winter left.

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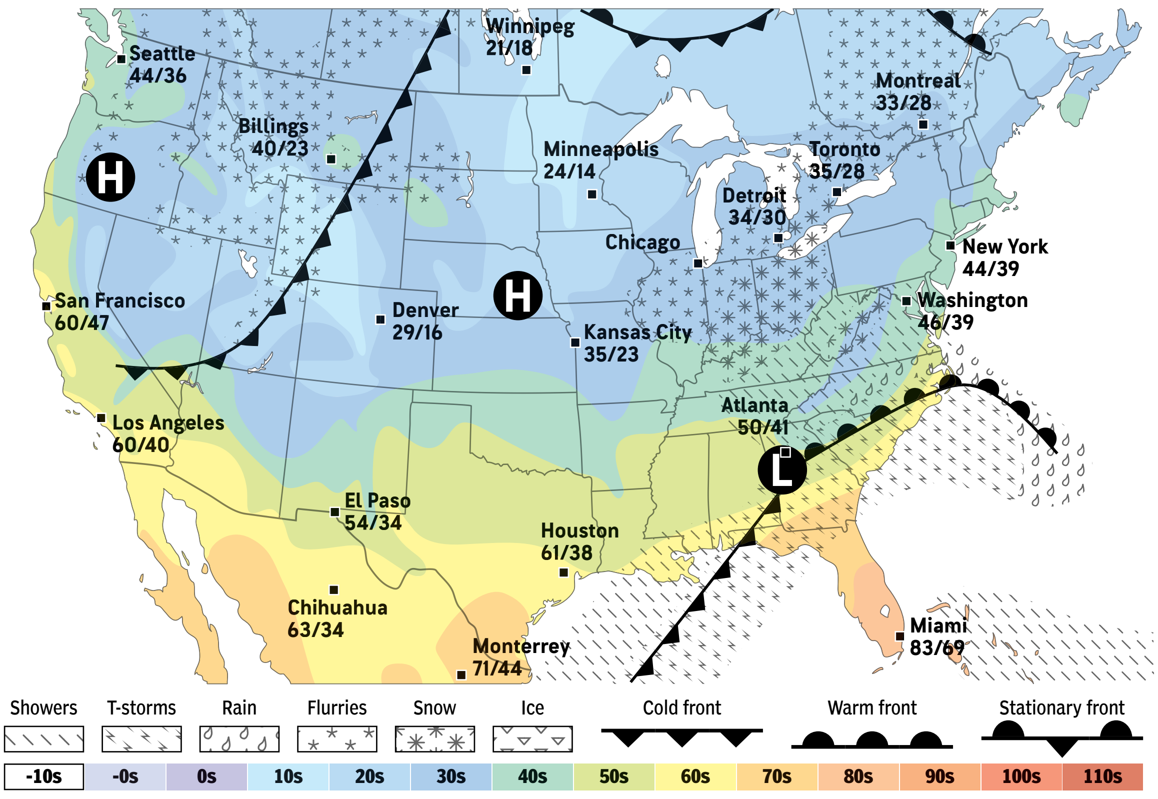
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Montreal 33/28
Minneapolis 24/14
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Denver 29/16
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Washington 46/39
Kansas City 35/23
Los Angeles 60/40
Atlanta 50/41
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Houston 61/38
Chihuahua 63/34
Monterrey 71/44
Miami 83/69
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Ice
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Warm front
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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	40/32/sn	43/28/c
Champaign	37/27/sf	38/27/c
Decatur	38/28/sn	39/29/c
Moline	35/21/sn	34/26/c
Peoria	37/24/sn	35/27/c
Quincy	35/21/sn	36/27/pc
Rockford	34/22/sn	32/28/c
Springfield	37/25/sn	39/28/c
Sterling	35/23/sn	32/29/c
Indiana		
Bloomington	39/30/sn	39/25/pc
Evansville	40/34/sn	43/28/pc
Fort Wayne	34/31/sn	35/28/c
Indianapolis	37/29/sn	38/29/pc
Lafayette	37/28/sn	37/28/pc
South Bend	35/28/sn	36/28/c
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	28/18/c	30/27/c
Kenosha	34/27/sn	38/29/c
La Crosse	31/16/c	32/25/pc
Madison	30/17/sn	31/25/c
Milwaukee	35/27/sn	37/30/c
Wausau	27/16/c	27/23/c
Michigan		
Detroit	34/30/sn	36/30/c
Grand Rapids	34/29/sn	34/30/c
Marquette	29/14/pc	28/18/sn
Sault Ste. Marie	31/25/c	32/24/sn
Traverse City	34/29/sn	36/31/c
Iowa		
Ames	27/14/c	30/18/c
Cedar Rapids	30/15/c	30/22/c
Des Moines	27/17/c	35/17/c
Dubuque	31/17/sn	28/26/c

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	55/32/s	58/33/s
Albany, NY	39/33/c	38/29/c
Albuquerque	41/27/pc	39/25/sn
Amarillo	48/23/s	45/27/c
Anchorage	29/24/sn	29/26/sn
Asheville	44/35/sh	42/25/pc
Aspen	28/10/c	28/9/sn
Atlanta	50/41/sh	52/31/pc
Atlantic City	47/41/r	43/31/r
Austin	62/34/s	61/44/s
Baltimore	46/39/r	46/28/pc
Billings	40/23/c	38/26/s
Birmingham	55/40/sh	52/32/pc
Bismarck	27/24/c	32/16/c
Boise	34/17/pc	33/19/c
Boston	42/36/c	40/31/r
Brownsville	71/52/c	74/65/c
Buffalo	38/31/sn	35/31/sf
Burlington, VT	36/32/c	34/25/sf
Charleston, SC	66/51/t	61/37/pc
Charleston, WV	42/34/r	37/28/sf
Charlotte	44/40/r	53/26/pc
Chattanooga	50/39/sh	48/29/pc
Cheyenne	31/16/c	24/14/sn
Cincinnati	37/31/sn	40/28/c
Cleveland	36/32/sn	35/30/sf
Colorado Spgs	37/21/c	31/15/sn
Columbia, MO	37/24/sn	42/29/pc
Columbia, SC	50/44/r	57/28/s
Columbus, OH	34/31/sn	38/29/sf
Concord	37/32/c	39/22/sf
Corpus Christi	72/48/s	69/61/pc
Dallas	55/34/s	57/41/pc
Daytona Beach	79/59/c	68/50/pc
Denver	29/16/c	27/12/sn
Duluth	26/13/c	31/15/c
El Paso	54/34/s	58/29/pc
Fairbanks	-15/-20/pc	-2/-11/sn
Fargo	15/12/c	31/15/c
Flagstaff	33/20/pc	28/11/sf
Fort Myers	81/66/pc	76/57/sh
Fort Smith	44/28/sh	50/30/s
Fresno	53/35/pc	57/34/s
Grand Junction	32/24/c	36/18/pc
Great Falls	34/21/sn	35/21/c
Harrisburg	44/36/sn	43/32/pc
Hartford	42/33/c	39/27/r
Helena, MT	33/18/sn	31/23/c
Honolulu	82/67/s	81/69/sh
Houston	61/38/pc	61/47/pc
Int'l Falls	22/12/pc	29/6/c
Jackson, MS	59/39/c	56/35/s
Jacksonville	77/53/t	65/40/pc
Juneau	39/37/sn	43/39/r
Kansas City	35/23/c	40/27/pc
Las Vegas	50/37/s	53/36/s
Lexington	42/32/sn	39/27/c
Lincoln	30/13/s	36/18/pc
Little Rock	50/34/c	52/31/s
Los Angeles	60/40/pc	62/42/s
Louisville	41/35/sn	42/31/pc
Macon	58/44/t	57/28/s
Memphis	50/35/c	49/32/pc
Miami	83/69/pc	83/70/sh
Minneapolis	24/14/c	32/20/c
Mobile	62/39/t	57/36/pc
Montgomery	58/44/t	57/34/pc
Nashville	48/37/sh	46/29/pc
New Orleans	62/45/t	58/48/pc
New York City	44/39/r	42/32/r
Norfolk	55/44/r	49/34/pc
Oklahoma City	45/26/s	49/32/pc
Omaha	28/17/c	37/18/pc
Orlando	81/62/c	70/52/pc
Palm Beach	83/67/pc	80/68/sh
Palm Springs	63/42/s	63/45/s
Philadelphia	46/40/r	44/30/r
Phoenix	60/37/s	52/37/s
Pittsburgh	37/31/sn	35/27/sf
Portland, ME	36/32/pc	38/24/sh
Portland, OR	47/37/pc	46/38/c
Providence	44/37/pc	40/30/r
Raleigh	44/41/r	52/29/pc
Rapid City	42/27/c	42/21/c
Reno	34/18/pc	36/22/s
Richmond	44/40/r	51/28/pc
Rochester	37/32/sn	34/31/sf
Sacramento	57/38/pc	60/33/s
St. Louis	40/30/sn	43/28/c
Salem, OR	47/30/c	48/32/c
Salt Lake City	29/18/sn	33/18/s
San Antonio	67/37/s	61/46/s
San Diego	61/41/s	63/42/s
San Francisco	60/47/pc	62/43/s
San Juan	83/71/s	84/71/pc
Santa Fe	36/25/pc	34/17/sn
Savannah	68/51/t	62/36/pc
Seattle	44/36/pc	44/39/c
Shreveport	54/33/pc	57/40/s
Sioux Falls	25/14/c	31/11/c
Spokane	33/24/pc	33/25/c
Syracuse	40/32/sn	36/29/sf
Tallahassee	70/45/t	61/38/pc
Tampa	76/61/sh	67/51/pc
Topeka	32/19/pc	41/24/pc
Tucson	64/36/s	49/30/pc
Tulsa	42/24/c	46/30/pc
Washington, DC	46/39/r	46/30/pc
Wichita	40/20/pc	44/28/c
Wilkes-Barre	41/38/sn	40/33/sn
Yuma	64/42/s	60/40/s

Weather(W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	85/68/s	85/69/s
Algiers	49/36/r	49/36/sh
Amsterdam	38/33/pc	40/31/pc
Ankara	55/19/pc	55/22/s
Athens	62/52/sh	64/51/r
Auckland	77/61/pc	76/60/pc
Baghdad	66/41/s	65/40/s
Bangkok	92/71/s	93/75/pc
Barbados	83/78/pc	84/76/pc
Barcelona	52/35/s	50/38/s
Beijing	41/17/c	23/2/sn
Beirut	68/57/s	71/58/s
Berlin	36/32/sn	37/28/c
Bermuda	67/62/c	73/64/c
Bogota	65/46/r	67/47/pc
Brussels	35/33/pc	38/29/c
Bucharest	52/37/c	42/32/r
Budapest	42/33/c	49/36/sn
Bueno Aires	90/73/s	84/72/s
Cairo	69/52/s	70/53/s
Cancun	84/71/pc	83/74/pc
Caracas	86/73/sh	87/73/s
Casablanca	66/41/pc	62/36/s
Copenhagen	36/29/c	36/29/pc
Dublin	52/46/sh	52/44/c
Edmonton	34/12/pc	34/25/sn
Frankfurt	38/32/sn	40/33/sf
Geneva	36/30/c	36/28/pc
Guadalajara	80/44/s	79/43/s
Havana	85/63/pc	87/63/pc
Helsinki	24/18/c	31/29/c
Hong Kong	71/65/pc	74/55/pc
Istanbul	60/47/pc	56/46/pc
Jerusalem	63/47/s	64/48/s
Johannesburg	88/58/s	87/59/s
Kabul	31/14/sn	31/11/s
Kingston	87/74/s	87/74/s
Kyiv	37/29/c	34/22/c
Lima	76/68/c	77/68/pc
Lisbon	56/38/s	55/38/s
London	40/25/s	40/27/c
Madrid	48/25/s	47/26/c
Manila	88/77/pc	91/77/pc
Mexico City	77/41/s	77/45/s
Monterrey	71/44/s	64/51/pc
Montreal	33/28/c	34/23/c
Moscow	29/22/c	32/22/c
Munich	32/23/sn	33/31/c
Nairobi	82/58/pc	80/61/c
Nassau	83/71/c	84/71/s
New Delhi	70/50/pc	71/52/pc
Oslo	17/12/pc	28/26/c
Ottawa	32/26/sn	30/24/pc
Panama City	90/72/r	90/73/t
Paris	36/33/c	38/31/c
Prague	33/29/sn	35/30/c
Rio de Janeiro	87/76/s	87/77/t
Riyadh	71/51/s	69/51/pc
Rome	49/33/c	51/36/pc
Santiago	90/58/s	89/59/s
Seoul	42/25/pc	40/1/c
Singapore	86/77/r	86/76/r
Sofia	51/41/c	47/35/r
Stockholm	27/22/c	31/30/pc
Sydney	74/64/r	76/65/sh
Taipei	71/62/pc	68/52/c
Tehran	46/31/s	45/31/s
Tokyo	47/40/c	48/41/r
Toronto	35/28/sn	35/29/c
Trinidad	83/75/c	85/74/pc
Vancouver	43/36/c	43/38/r
Vienna	32/30/sf	36/32/sn
Warsaw	35/31/c	34/31/c
Winnipeg	21/18/c	25/7/sn

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NATION & WORLD

Yellen: Debt standoff risks 'calamity'

Treasury secretary chides House GOP's spending-cut stance

By Fatima Hussein
Associated Press

DAKAR, Senegal — U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Saturday she expects Congress will ultimately vote to raise America's debt limit, but demands by House Republicans for spending cuts in return for backing an increase are "a very irresponsible thing to do" and risk creating a "self-imposed calamity" for the global economy.

The Biden administration and Republican lawmakers disagree over how to increase the government's legal borrowing capacity. On Thursday, the government bumped up against the $31.4 trillion debt cap, forcing the Treasury Department to take "extraordinary" accounting steps to keep the government running.

Asked in an interview during her trip to Africa about such talk of withholding approval for a higher debt limit unless there are accompanying spending cuts, Yellen called that stance "a very irresponsible thing to do" and said it could have serious consequences before "the day of reckoning."

"It is possible for markets to become quite concerned about whether or not the U.S. will pay its bills," she said, pointing to the negative economic impacts of a debt showdown in 2011.

As for a potential default, she said, that "would impose a self-imposed calamity in the United States and the world economy." The Treasury's extraordinary steps so far mean that the U.S. government should be able to operate until some point in June, when the limit would need to be increased to avoid what could be significant economic damage.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen stands in a doorway Saturday at the House of Slaves on Senegal's Goree Island during a visit to Africa. Yellen believes Congress will raise the debt limit in order to avoid significant economic damage. **STEFAN KLEINOWITZ/AP**

Yellen said she has not spoken with California Rep. Kevin McCarthy, the new Republican speaker of the House. McCarthy has yet to spell out the size and target of the spending cuts that he contends are needed to put the federal government on a healthier financial path.

President Joe Biden and administration officials have called for a "clean increase" — not linked to cuts — to the borrowing capacity.

"Congress needs to understand that this is about paying bills that have already been incurred by decisions with this and past Congresses and it's not about new spending," Yellen said. She said she believes in making sure that government debt levels are sustainable, "but it can't be negotiated over whether or not we're going to pay our bills."

Still, Yellen said she believes the situation ultimately will be defused because lawmakers can appreciate the escalating danger if the federal government was unable to pay all of its bills: crashing financial markets, mass firings and an economic downturn.

"I believe in the end we will find a way around this," Yellen said.

She said that White House and Treasury officials "are meeting to discuss possible paths forward. And we will have discussions with members of Congress to try to understand what they see as a path forward."

The White House said Friday that Biden "looks forward" to sitting down with McCarthy to discuss a range of topics. But its statement came with no invitation or a date for a meeting.

Yellen did not detail possible strategies being discussed inside the White House to ensure the ceiling is raised.

Yellen sat down for the Saturday interview in the middle of a continent-spanning trip in which she met with her Chinese counterpart in Switzerland before heading to Senegal, Zambia and South Africa.

The Biden administration is trying to signal its support for improving the economies of African countries, many of which have young populations that will eventually make those nations the drivers of growth in decades to come. At an African-nation summit held in December in Washington, Biden said he would visit the continent this year.

Before the interview, Yellen went to Senegal's Goree Island, touring a building known as the House of Slaves that was a center for the Atlantic slave trade that defined much of American history.

The economist and former Federal Reserve chair has emphasized her desire to reduce racial and income inequality, an element of the systemic racism tied to slavery and its aftermath of segregation. For Democrats, the issue of how to bridge that divide is not just a matter of social justice but political pragmatism, given that Black voters are a key constituency for winning elections.

Yellen said the administration has not turned to payments and other programs intended for the descendants of slaves to address the inequality.

"The administration has not embraced reparations as part of the answer," said Yellen, adding that "we have a program to try to address these issues that involves many positive steps and adjustments and increasing opportunity."

America is trying to appeal to African countries on moral terms, saying aid and loans from the U.S. will be transparent and fair in ways that Chinese investments have not been.

Relations between the U.S. and China — the world's two largest economies — have taken on an increasingly antagonistic streak amid the geopolitical fallout from China's friendship with Russia, the persistence of the coronavirus and an era of open globalization that has given way to national security priorities.

US debt now $31 trillion: Here's how it grew so big

Record level result of both parties' choices on taxing, spending

By Jim Tankersley
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — America's debt is now six times what it was at the start of the 21st century. It is the largest it has been, compared with the size of the U.S. economy, since World War II, and it's projected to grow an average of about $1.3 trillion a year for the next decade.

The United States hit its $31.4 trillion legal limit on borrowing this past week, putting Washington on the brink of another fiscal showdown. Republicans are refusing to raise that limit unless President Joe Biden agrees to steep spending cuts, echoing a partisan standoff that has played out multiple times in the last two decades.

But America's ballooning debt is the result of choices made by both Republicans and Democrats.

In just two decades, America has added $25 trillion in debt. How it got itself into this fiscal position has its roots in a political miscalculation at the end of the Cold War.

In the 1990s, America reaped a so-called peace dividend. It reduced spending on the military, believing it would never have to invest as much in national security as it had when the Soviet Union was a threat. At the same time, a dot-com boom delivered the highest federal tax receipts, as a share of the economy, in several decades.

As the 20th century ended, America's coffers were flush with tax revenue and light on military obligations, a combination that many leaders thought would hold up well into the future.

It did not last a year.

The dot-com bubble burst, cutting into tax revenue. The Sept. 11 attacks spurred a furious rearmament push in Washington as President George W. Bush mobilized wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Bush, a Republican, broke from historical precedent and did not raise taxes or issue war bonds to pay for those conflicts. Neither did his successor, President Barack Obama.

The Defense Department estimated last year that the direct costs for the wars in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan exceeded $1.6 trillion. Brown University researchers — who add indirect costs, particularly care for veterans of those wars and interest on the money borrowed to finance the military — found that the total cost was much higher: just under $6 trillion for all of America's "war on terror" efforts after Sept. 11.

As military spending surged, federal revenue declined as a share of the economy. That decline was a direct result of tax cuts that Bush signed in 2001 and 2003. Those tax cuts were temporary, but in 2012, Obama struck a deal with congressional Republicans to make more than four-fifths of them permanent.

In 2018, a new round of Republican tax cuts signed by President Donald Trump — which did not include spending cuts to offset their cost — kicked in. They were passed by some of the same lawmakers now contending that the government must not raise the borrowing limit without first taking steps to rein in debt.

U.S. Navy medics treat an Iraqi POW. Recent wars have had a profound impact on the national debt, now six times what it was at the start of the 21st century. **LAURENT REBOURS/AP 2003**

Some conservatives those cuts would "pay for themselves" by boosting economic growth and tax revenue, but the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated in 2018 that the law would add more than $1.2 trillion to the debt through the 2022 fiscal year.

Some new, permanent spending programs also contributed to the debt. A Medicare prescription drug benefit, passed on a bipartisan basis under Bush, "clearly" increased deficits, costing more than $100 billion in 2022 alone, said Josh Gordon, health policy director for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget in Washington.

Gordon said it was much harder to calculate the deficit impact of Obama's Affordable Care Act. It has pushed up federal spending on Medicaid and health insurance subsidies, but also raised some taxes. And the changes it made to the health care system have contributed to a reduction in Medicare spending compared with previous projections.

The biggest — and often bipartisan — drivers of debt have been the federal responses to two sharp economic downturns: the 2008 financial crisis and the 2020 pandemic recession. Shortly after Obama took office in 2009, inheriting a recession, he pushed Congress to approve a nearly $800 billion package of tax cuts and stimulus spending.

Trump approved a much larger collection of aid packages, totaling more than $3 trillion, after COVID-19 swept the world in 2020. Biden took office the next year and signed a $1.9 trillion stimulus plan soon after.

Economists disagree on the size and design of those responses. But they generally agree that by borrowing money in a sharp downturn, the government helped revive the economy and protect people and businesses.

Ron Klain has been the only chief of staff under President Joe Biden. **DOUG MILLS/ THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

Klain expected to step down soon as Biden's chief of staff

By Peter Baker and Katie Rogers
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Ron Klain, the White House chief of staff who has steered President Joe Biden's administration through two years of triumphs and setbacks, is expected to step down in coming weeks in the most significant changing of the guard since Biden took office two years ago.

Klain, 61, has been telling colleagues privately since the November midterm elections that after a grueling, nonstop stretch at Biden's side going back to the 2020 campaign, he is ready to move on, according to senior administration officials, and a search for a replacement has been underway.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, would not say whether a successor has been picked or when the decision would be announced, but indicated it would come at some point after Biden outlined his agenda for the coming year in his State of the Union address on Feb. 7.

His resignation would mark a striking moment of turnover at the top of an administration that has been relatively stable through the first half of Biden's term. But with Biden expected to announce by spring that he is running for reelection, advisers predict more moves as some aides shift from the White House to the campaign.

The departure would also come as the White House faces a widening array of political and legal threats from a newly appointed special counsel investigating the improper handling of classified documents and other inquiries by the newly installed Republican majority in the House. The next chief of staff will be charged with managing the defense of Biden's White House and any counterattack as the 2024 election approaches.

Among the possible choices to replace Klain mentioned by senior officials are Labor Secretary Marty Walsh; former Delaware Gov. Jack Markell, now the ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; Anita Dunn, a senior adviser to Biden; Steve Ricchetti, counselor to the president; Jeff Zients, the administration's former coronavirus response coordinator; Susan Rice, White House domestic policy adviser; and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukraine holds out hope to get tanks

As Germany mulls decision, frustration continues to mount

By Cassandra Vinograd
The New York Times

A Leopard 2 tank takes part in practice at a military training area in northwest Germany. **PATRIK STOLLARZ/GETTY-AFP 2019**

Pressure grew on Germany on Saturday to authorize the transfer of Leopard 2 battle tanks to Ukraine, even as Ukrainian officials signaled that they believed it would be a matter of time before the German-made tanks arrived.

In a joint statement on Twitter, the foreign ministers of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania urged Germany to "provide Leopard tanks to Ukraine now."

They added: "This is needed to stop Russian aggression, help Ukraine and restore peace in Europe quickly. Germany as the leading European power has special responsibility in this regard."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy stressed that time was of the essence.

"We will still have to fight for the supply of modern tanks, but every day we make it more obvious there is no alternative to making the decision on tanks," he said in an overnight address, adding: "The only thing worth emphasizing is the time, the delivery time. Each agreement must be implemented as quickly as possible."

Ukraine's defense minister, Oleksii Reznikov, said he was "optimistic" that Germany would decide to allow transfers of the Leopards and that his country's troops would begin training on the tanks in Poland.

"Countries that already have Leopard tanks can begin training missions for our tank crews," Reznikov told Voice of America's Ukrainian service on Friday. "We will start with that, and we will go from there."

Poland's Defense Ministry did not immediately confirm Reznikov's assertion, but Polish officials have been among the most vociferous voices urging Germany to clear the way for Leopards. The Polish government has said it stands ready to send some of its own, though legally it needs Germany to sign off on any such move.

Many Western officials meeting Friday in Germany had hoped to reach a deal on sending the German-made tanks, which are stocked by many European countries. But the meeting ended without a decision from Germany, which has resisted sending its own Leopards to Ukraine or giving other countries that have them the necessary approval to export them.

Germany has also pushed for the United States to take the lead by sending some of its most advanced battle tanks — the M1 Abrams — but on Saturday criticism was largely falling on Berlin.

Ukraine's appeals have taken on greater urgency with the approach of spring, when both sides to the conflict are preparing offensives, officials have said. And Russia's recent claims to have captured the towns of Soledar and Klishchiivka — part of a broader push to seize the city of Bakhmut in eastern Ukraine — have added to the pressure.

The war overall "is in a state of deadlock," Britain's Defense Ministry said on Saturday, but it warned that there was "a realistic possibility of local Russian advances around Bakhmut."

In recent weeks, the West has pledged increasingly sophisticated weapons for Ukraine, agreeing to send Patriot missile systems and armored fighting vehicles, despite earlier fears that Russia would see the provision of those weapons as a provocation. But Western-made tanks, which are far more powerful than the fighting vehicles, have been a sticking point. Britain this past week confirmed it would send a small number of Challenger 2 tanks as part of wider efforts to persuade other Western nations to offer similar support.

Ukraine's top military officer, Gen. Valeriy Zaluzhnyi, has said his forces need at least 300 tanks and 600 infantry fighting vehicles to counter the Russians this spring. But Germany has been reluctant to send in some of its Leopard 2 tanks without Washington's pledging to send at least a token number of its M1 Abrams tanks, presenting a united front against Russia. Washington has argued against sending Abrams tanks, saying they use jet fuel and are difficult to maintain.

American and German officials made a point Friday of dismissing any suggestion of acrimony among the allies, though there are subtle signs of growing fissures. U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and his German counterpart, Boris Pistorius, denied the Leopard dispute was linked to the Abrams tanks, but provided no explanation for what was stalling a deal.

Pistorius said he had ordered his ministry to begin an inventory of its Leopard tanks and to prepare to train Ukrainian soldiers in case of a future deal, noting that he would welcome similar preparations by other European countries.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who has been vocal about sending more weapons to Ukraine and was in Kyiv on Friday, said, using an expletive, that he was tired of the circus "surrounding who is going to send tanks and when are they going to send them."

"To the Germans: Send tanks to Ukraine because they need them. It is in your own national interest that Putin loses in Ukraine," he wrote on Twitter. "To the Biden Administration: Send American tanks so that others will follow our lead."

When asked Friday if he supported Poland's call to send the Leopards, President Joe Biden was brief. "Ukraine is going to get all the help they need," he said.

Also on Saturday, Zelenskyy met with families of those who died in a helicopter crash earlier last week.

Zelenskyy spoke with family members of seven killed Wednesday in Brovary. The helicopter carrying Interior Minister Denys Monastyrskyi and other top officials slammed into a building in the suburb of Kyiv, killing him and about a dozen other people, including a child on the ground.

Associated Press contributed.

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Demonstrators hold placards depicting right-wing lawmakers with Hebrew inscriptions asking what they're afraid of during a protest Saturday in Tel Aviv, Israel. **TSAFRIR ABAYOV/AP**

Israelis mount new protests of Netanyahu's government

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — Tens of thousands of Israelis gathered in Tel Aviv on Saturday night to protest plans by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's new government to overhaul the judicial system, measures that opponents say imperil the country's democratic fundamentals.

The protest followed another demonstration this month that also drew tens of thousands in an early challenge to Netanyahu and his ultranationalist and ultra-Orthodox government — the most right-wing in Israeli history.

The government says a power imbalance has given judges and government legal advisers too much sway over lawmaking and governance. Netanyahu has pledged to press on with the changes despite the opposition.

Protesters filled central streets in the seaside metropolis, raising Israeli flags and banners that read "Our Children will not Live in a Dictatorship" and "Israel, We Have A Problem."

"This is a protest to defend the country," said opposition leader and former Prime Minister Yair Lapid, who joined the protest. "People came here today to protect their democracy."

"All generations are concerned. This is not a joke," said Lior Student, a protester. "This is a complete redefinition of democracy."

Other protests took place in the cities of Jerusalem, Haifa and Beersheba.

Pressure has also built on Netanyahu's government after the country's attorney general asked Netanyahu to fire a key Cabinet ally following a Supreme Court ruling that disqualified him from holding a government post because of a conviction for tax offenses. Netanyahu was expected to heed the ruling, but it only deepened the rift in the country over the judicial system and the power of the courts.

Last week Netanyahu, who is on trial for corruption, vowed to continue with the judicial overhaul plans despite the protests. Opponents say the changes could help Netanyahu evade conviction in his corruption trial, or make the court case disappear altogether.

On Friday, Netanyahu's coalition faced a new test after a disagreement between Cabinet members over the dismantling of an unauthorized settlement outpost in the West Bank.

Defense Minister Yoav Galant, a member of Netanyahu's Likud party, ordered the removal of the outpost, upsetting a pro-settlement Cabinet member who had issued a directive to postpone the eviction pending further discussions.

Meanwhile, a Palestinian militant allegedly tried to stab an Israeli in the occupied West Bank on Saturday and the Israeli shot and killed the Palestinian.

The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the Palestinian man as Tariq Maali, 42, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group later claimed him as a member. The health ministry said he was shot northwest of the Palestinian city of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank.

The Israeli military said the man arrived at the outpost and tried to stab an Israeli civilian. The military said he was armed with a knife and that the Israeli, a settler, shot him. The settler wasn't injured.

Afghan soldier seeks asylum after trek and arrest in Texas

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

Abdul Wasi Safi was an intelligence officer with the Afghan National Security Forces. **ABDUL WASI SAFI**

HOUSTON — Abdul Wasi Safi kept documents detailing his time as an Afghan soldier who worked with the U.S. military close to him as he made the treacherous monthslong journey from Brazil to the U.S.-Mexico border.

He fled Afghanistan fearing retribution from the Taliban following the August 2021 American withdrawal, and hoped the paperwork would secure his asylum in the U.S. Despite thick jungles, raging rivers and beatings, he kept those documents safe.

But after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border near Eagle Pass, Texas, in September, Wasi Safi was arrested on a federal immigration charge. He remains jailed at a detention center in Eden, Texas, and fears his asylum claim may be denied.

Wasi Safi's brother, attorneys, military organizations and a bipartisan group of lawmakers say his case highlights how America's chaotic military withdrawal continues to harm Afghan citizens who helped the U.S. but were left behind.

"He tried every way possible to save these certificates in the hopes that once he ... presents his appropriate documents at the southern border ... he would receive a warm welcome and his service would be appreciated and recognized," said Sami-ullah Safi, his brother.

If sent back to Afghanistan, he could be killed by the Taliban, which since its takeover has killed more than 100 Afghan officials and security force members, according to a United Nations report.

"It's honestly just shameful that we've treated people that helped protect our country this way," said Jennifer Cervantes, one of Wasi Safi's immigration attorneys.

Wasi Safi, 27, had been an intelligence officer with the Afghan National Security Forces, providing U.S. forces with information on terrorists, said Sami-ullah Safi, 29, who goes by Sami.

Sami Safi had been employed by the U.S. military as a translator since 2010, making him eligible for a special immigrant visa for interpreters and others paid by the U.S. government. The visa allowed him to move to Houston in 2015.

But Wasi Safi was not eligible for that visa because he was not employed directly by the U.S.

When American forces withdrew from Afghanistan, Wasi Safi went into hiding and learned that friends in the Afghan military had been killed by the Taliban.

He was able to get a visa for Brazil and traveled there in 2022. But he realized he wasn't much safer as he and other migrants were beaten and robbed by gangs.

In the summer of 2022, Wasi Safi began his journey to the U.S.

When he crossed a huge river in the Darien Gap, the imposing and dangerous stretch of thick jungle between Colombia and Panama, Wasi Safi kept a backpack with his documents above his head, so they wouldn't get wet.

When police officers in Guatemala tried to extort him and took his backpack, Wasi Safi endured their beatings until he got the documents back, according to his brother.

On his journey, Wasi Safi suffered serious injuries from beatings, including damaged front teeth and hearing loss in his right ear. Zachary Fertitta, one of his criminal defense attorneys, said Wasi Safi has not received proper medical care while in detention.

Sami Safi said his brother has become disillusioned since his detention, believing the documents he thought would save him are worthless.

But Fertitta said those documents show "he's clearly an ally, was trained by our troops, worked with our troops."

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, sent a letter this month to President Joe Biden, asking him to pardon Wasi Safi for his immigration-related charges. She said Thursday that his documents show he's "an individual who obviously loved this country ... and was willing to die for this country."

Republican Congressmen Dan Crenshaw of Texas and Michael Waltz of Florida, as well as more than 20 veterans' groups have also called for Wasi Safi's freedom while his asylum claim is reviewed.

The White House declined to comment on Friday, referring questions to the Justice Department and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Sami Safi said he remains hopeful.

"I am hoping that President Biden and those who have authority over this case step up and save his life. He has given enough sacrifice for this country. My whole family has sacrificed for this country," he said.

NEWS BRIEFING

Lawyer: FBI found 6 classified docs at Biden's home in Del.

From news services

WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation searched President Joe Biden's home in Wilmington, Delaware, on Friday and located six documents containing classification markings and also took possession of some of his notes, the president's lawyer said Saturday.

Bob Bauer, the president's personal lawyer, said the search lasted nearly 13 hours. The documents with classification markings spanned Biden's time in the Senate and the vice presidency, while the notes dated to his time as vice president.

The search followed more than a week after Biden's attorneys found six other classified documents in the president's home library from his time as vice president, and nearly three months after lawyers found a small number of classified records at his former offices at the Penn Biden Center in Washington.

The president and first lady Jill Biden were not at the home when it was searched.

Bauer said the FBI requested that the White House not comment on the search before it was conducted. He said the FBI "had full access to the President's home, including personally handwritten notes, files, papers, binders, memorabilia, to-do lists, schedules, and reminders going back decades."

The Justice Department, he added, "took possession of materials it deemed within the scope of its inquiry, including six items consisting of documents with classification markings and surrounding materials, some of which were from the President's service in the Senate and some of which were from his tenure as Vice President."

Attorney General Merrick Garland has appointed former Maryland U.S. Attorney Robert Hur as a special counsel to investigate any potential wrongdoing surrounding the Biden documents.

"Since the beginning, the President has been committed to handling this responsibly because he takes this seriously," White House lawyer Richard Sauber said Saturday.

Baby formula plant: The Department of Justice is investigating the Abbott Laboratories infant formula plant in Michigan that was shut down for months last year due to contamination, the company confirmed.

The factory's closure last February was a key cause of a nationwide baby formula shortage that forced parents to seek formula from food banks, friends and doctor's offices. Production restarted in June.

The Justice Department has informed Abbott of its investigation and the company is "cooperating fully," Abbott spokesperson Scott Stoffel said via email. He declined to provide further details.

The Wall Street Journal reported that the DOJ's consumer protection branch is looking into conduct at the Sturgis, Michigan, plant that led to its shutdown.

Abbott closed the factory after the Food and Drug Administration began investigating four bacterial infections among infants who consumed powdered formula from the plant. Inspectors uncovered several violations at the plant, including bacterial contamination, a leaky roof and lax safety protocols.

Ex-Theranos CEO: Elizabeth Holmes is a flight risk and shouldn't be allowed to stay out of prison while she appeals her 11-year prison sentence for defrauding investors, federal prosecutors said in a motion filed in federal court in Northern California.

According to court documents from Thursday, Holmes had a one-way plane ticket to Mexico booked for Jan. 26, 2022, three weeks after being convicted by a jury on four counts of fraud and conspiracy.

Holmes, who was CEO of Theranos during the company's turbulent 15-year history, was convicted in a scheme that revolved around the company's claims to have developed a medical device that could detect diseases and conditions from a few drops of blood.

But the technology never worked, and the claims were false.

Holmes booked the flight without a scheduled return trip and only canceled it after prosecutors contacted Holmes' attorneys about the "unauthorized flight," prosecutors said.

In a Jan. 23, 2022, email responding to prosecutors' concerns about the planned trip, Holmes' attorneys said she had booked it before the jury's verdict to attend a wedding in Mexico.

Holmes is scheduled to return to court on March 17.

Brazil uprising: President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva fired Brazil's army chief Saturday just days after the leftist leader openly said that some military members allowed the Jan. 8 uprising in the capital by far-right protesters.

The official website of the Brazilian armed forces said Gen. Julio Cesar de Arruda had been removed as head of the army. He was replaced by Gen. Tomas Miguel Ribeiro Paiva, who was head of the Southeast Military Command.

In recent weeks, Lula targeted the military with criticism after supporters of former President Jair Bolsonaro stormed through government buildings and destroyed public property in an attempt to keep Bolsonaro in office.

Lula said several times in public that there were people in the army who let the rioting to occur, though he never cited Arruda.

Haiti gang violence: One of Haiti's gangs stormed a key part of the capital, Port-Au-Prince, and battled with police throughout the day, leaving at least three officers dead.

The violence Friday was the latest episode of lawlessness that has torn through the Caribbean nation.

A police patrol was ambushed by gang gunmen Friday morning, Lionel Lazarre, head of the National Union for Haitian Police, said Saturday. The officers called for backup but were angered because reinforcements never arrived, he said.

At least three officers died in the violence, one was missing and one was treated at a hospital for bullet wounds, police confirmed late Friday.

Fighting continued throughout Friday and tensions remained high Saturday.

The United Nations estimates 60% of Haiti's capital is controlled by gangs.

Astronaut Aldrin weds: Astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin announced on Facebook that he has married his "longtime love" in a small ceremony in Los Angeles.

Aldrin, who made history along with Neil Armstrong as the first humans to set foot on the surface of the moon during 1969's Apollo 11 mission, said the wedding took place on Friday, which was his 93rd birthday.

"I am pleased to announce that my longtime love and partner, Dr. Anca V Faur, and I have tied the knot. We were joined in holy matrimony in a small private ceremony in Los Angeles, and are as excited as eloping teenagers," he wrote.

The post received 53,000 Facebook "likes" and "loves" by Saturday and was accompanied by several photos of the newlyweds.

Weekend warriors: Members of the Sealed Knot, a society promoting interest in the English Civil War, gather Saturday in Nantwich, England, to stage their 50th reenactment of the Battle of Nantwich in 1644. The town, loyal to Parliament in the war, was under siege for weeks by royalist troops until a Parliamentarian force prevailed in the battle. **OLI SCARFF/GETTY-AFP**

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FACT #238
Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279
Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."

FACT #302
Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408
Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s , used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

FACT #459
When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.

Convicts eligible for elected office?

State laws vary on whether felons are permitted to run

By Gary Fields and Josh Funk
Associated Press

Solomon Pena, a GOP candidate for the New Mexico House, is arrested Monday by Albuquerque police. **ROBERTO E. ROSALES/THE ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL**

WASHINGTON — The case of a defeated New Mexico candidate arrested in a politically motivated shooting spree has turned a spotlight on an issue that has been evolving in the states: whether people with criminal convictions are eligible to run for public office.

Solomon Pena overwhelmingly lost a bid for the New Mexico statehouse as a Republican and is accused of paying four men to shoot at the homes of four Democratic officials. He had denied his loss and made baseless claims that the November election was "rigged" against him, even though he received just 26% of the vote against the longtime Democratic incumbent.

While the case raises alarms over politically motivated violence in the U.S., it also highlights differences across the country in whether people with past criminal convictions can run for office. Pena spent nine years behind bars after being convicted of being part of a retail theft ring.

The states have a range of laws for reinstating rights to felons. In most states, the ability to seek state or local office coincides with the restoration of voting rights.

But even in some states where the vote is restored automatically, felons still need to get a pardon or expungement to run for office, said Margaret Love, co-founder and director of the Collateral Consequences Resource Center, which keeps a 50-state database on restoration of rights.

Some states, including Louisiana and Nebraska, place additional time requirements on when someone's eligibility to run for office can be restored. States that require a pardon can vary on who has the pardoning authority.

Pena, 39, was arrested in April 2007, accused of stealing electronics and other goods from several retail stores as part of a burglary crew. He was released from prison in 2016, and had his voting rights restored after completing five years of probation in 2021, corrections officials said.

His opponent last year filed a lawsuit questioning Pena's eligibility to seek office, but New Mexico District Court Judge Joshua Allison said the state Constitution only required that he be a qualified voter to be eligible for elected office. In a ruling that is being appealed, the judge said any attempt by the state Legislature to impose additional requirements would be unconstitutional.

In New Mexico, voting rights are now automatically reinstated upon completion of a sentence, Lauren Rodriguez, communications director for the state attorney general's office, said in a written response to questions.

Some states don't allow those with felony convictions to run for office, while others impose various restrictions.

Earlier this month, on the two-year anniversary of his participation in the attack on the U.S. Capitol, former West Virginia state lawmaker Derrick Evans announced he would run for a U.S. House seat in 2024. That's despite pleading guilty to a felony civil disorder charge in 2022.

With his felony conviction and a sentence that includes three years of probation, state law would prohibit Evans from voting or seeking state or local office. Under that law, even when he finishes his sentence he would be unable to run again for the Legislature or for magistrate, a limited judicial post that is open to nonlawyers.

There are no such limits to run for federal office.

University of Iowa law professor Derek Muller said the Constitution's 14th Amendment spells out who would be unable to run for federal office. The list includes those who took an oath to support the U.S. Constitution and then engaged in insurrection or rebellion, or those who gave aid or comfort to the country's enemies.

"That's the only thing that expressly disqualifies you under the Constitution," he said.

Donald Kersey, deputy secretary and general counsel for the West Virginia secretary of state's office, said Evans was not convicted of insurrection or treason and therefore appears eligible to run for Congress.

A felony conviction in Illinois bars people from holding any municipal office — for instance, as a city mayor or village board trustee — unless they receive a pardon or the state's governor restores their rights.

Illinois also bars people with a felony conviction from serving as a county sheriff, or taking on a political office overseeing a fire protection district, a public library board or a park district.

In Virginia, people convicted of felonies are automatically stripped of civil rights. The state Constitution gives the governor the sole discretion to restore them, apart from gun rights. With the restoration of voting rights comes the ability to seek public office.

Louisianans approved a constitutional amendment in 1997 that barred convicted felons from seeking or holding public office for 15 years following the completion of their sentence. But a 2016 state Supreme Court ruling nullified it.

In 2018, state voters again overwhelmingly passed a constitutional amendment on the subject. This one prohibits convicted felons, unless pardoned, from seeking or holding public office until five years after completing their sentence.

ShotSpotter, touted for AI, vetted by humans

Confidential manual details verification process for gunshots

By Garance Burke and Michael Tarm
Associated Press

ShotSpotter data helped convict Michael Williams of murder; a judge later dismissed the case. **CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP 2021**

CHICAGO — In more than 140 cities across the United States, ShotSpotter's artificial intelligence algorithm and intricate network of microphones evaluate hundreds of thousands of sounds a year to determine if they are gunfire, generating data now being used in criminal cases nationwide.

But a confidential ShotSpotter document obtained by The Associated Press outlines something the company doesn't always tout about its "precision policing system" — that human employees can quickly overrule and reverse the algorithm's determinations, and are given broad discretion to decide if a sound is a gunshot, fireworks, thunder or something else.

Such reversals happen 10% of the time by a 2021 company account, which experts say could bring subjectivity into increasingly consequential decisions and conflict with one of the reasons AI is used in law-enforcement tools in the first place — to lessen the role of all-too-fallible humans.

"I've listened to a lot of gunshot recordings — and it is not easy to do," said Robert Maher, a leading national authority on gunshot detection at Montana State University who reviewed the ShotSpotter document. "Sometimes it is obviously a gunshot. Sometimes it is just a ping, ping, ping ... and you can convince yourself it is a gunshot."

Marked "WARNING: CONFIDENTIAL," the 19-page operations document spells out how employees in ShotSpotter's review centers should listen to recordings and assess the algorithm's finding of likely gunfire based upon a series of factors that may require judgment calls, including whether the sound has the cadence of gunfire, whether the audio pattern looks like "a sideways Christmas tree" and if there is "100% certainty of gunfire in reviewer's mind."

ShotSpotter said in a statement to the AP that the human role is a positive check on the algorithm and the "plain-language" document reflects the high standards of accuracy its reviewers must meet.

"Our data, based on the review of millions of incidents, proves that human review adds value, accuracy and consistency to a review process that our customers — and many gunshot victims — depend on," said Tom Chittum, the company's vice president of analytics and forensic services.

Chittum added that the company's expert witnesses have testified in 250 court cases in 22 states, and that its "97% aggregate accuracy rate for real-time detections across all customers" has been verified by an analytics firm the company commissioned.

Another part of the document underscores ShotSpotter's emphasis on speed and decisiveness, and its commitment to classify sounds in less than a minute and alert local police and 911 dispatchers so they can send officers to the scene.

Titled "Adopting a New York State of Mind," it refers to the New York Police Department's request of ShotSpotter to avoid posting alerts of sounds as "probable gunfire" — only definitive classifications as gunfire or non-gunfire.

"End result: It trains the reviewer to be decisive and accurate in their classification and attempts to remove a doubtful publication," the document reads.

Experts say such guidance under tight time pressure could encourage ShotSpotter reviewers to err in favor of categorizing a sound as a gunshot, even if some evidence for it falls short, potentially boosting the numbers of false positives.

"You're not giving your humans much time," said Geoffrey Morrison, a voice-recognition scientist based in Britain who specializes in forensics processes. "And when humans are under great pressure, the possibility of mistakes is higher."

ShotSpotter says it published 291,726 gunfire alerts to clients in 2021. That same year, in comments to the AP appended to a previous story, ShotSpotter said more than 90% of the time its human reviewers agreed with the machine classification but the company invested in its team of reviewers "for the 10% of the time where they disagree with the machine."

ShotSpotter did not respond to questions on whether that ratio still holds true.

ShotSpotter's operations document, which the company argued in court for more than a year was a trade secret, was recently released from a protective order in a Chicago court case in which police and prosecutors used ShotSpotter data as evidence in charging a Chicago grandfather with murder in 2020 for allegedly shooting a man inside his car. Michael Williams spent nearly a year in jail before a judge dismissed the case because of insufficient evidence.

Evidence in Williams' pretrial hearings showed ShotSpotter's algorithm initially classified a noise picked up by microphones as a firecracker, making that determination with 98% confidence. But a ShotSpotter reviewer who assessed the sound quickly relabeled it as a gunshot.

The Cook County Public Defender's Office says the operations document was the only paperwork ShotSpotter sent in response to multiple subpoenas for any guidelines, manuals or other scientific protocols. The publicly traded company has long resisted calls to open its operations to independent scientific scrutiny.

Fremont, California-based ShotSpotter acknowledged to the AP it has other "comprehensive training and operational materials" but deems them "confidential and trade secret."

ShotSpotter installed its first sensors in Redwood City, California, in 1996, and for years relied solely on local 911 dispatchers and police to review each potential gunshot until adding its own human reviewers in 2011.

Paul Greene, a ShotSpotter employee who testifies frequently about the system, explained in a 2013 evidentiary hearing that staff reviewers addressed issues with a system that "has been known from time to time to give false positives" because "it doesn't have an ear to listen."

As cities have weighed the system's promise against its price tag — which can reach $95,000 per square mile per year — company employees have explained in detail how its acoustic sensors on utility poles and light posts pick up loud pops, booms or bangs and then filter the sounds through an algorithm that automatically classifies whether they're gunfire or something else.

But until now, little has been known about the next step: how ShotSpotter's human reviewers in Washington, D.C., and the San Francisco Bay area decide what is a gunshot versus any other noise, 24 hours a day.

"Listening to the audio downloads are important," according to the document written by David Valdez, a former police officer and now-retired supervisor of one of ShotSpotter's review centers. "Sometimes the audio is compelling for gunfire that they may override all other characteristics."

Hunter Biden's tangled tale

Details do not provide either political side with the narrative they would prefer

By Adam Entous, Michael S. Schmidt and Katie Benner
The New York Times

President Joe Biden's son Hunter attends a White House ceremony. Federal prosecutors could decide soon to indict him on tax and gun charges, and he faces a fresh round of hostile congressional hearings. **HAIYUN JIANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

The way Republicans tell it, President Joe Biden has been complicit in a long-running scheme to profit from his position in public life through shady dealings around the world engineered by his son, Hunter Biden.

Taking a first step in their long-promised investigation, Republicans on the House Oversight Committee this month demanded information about the Bidens' banking transactions from the Treasury Department. And in an earlier report on the Bidens intended to lay the groundwork for hearings they plan to hold, they said they had evidence "demonstrating deliberate, repeated deception of the American people, abuse of the executive branch for personal gain, use of government power to obstruct the investigation" and more.

The real Hunter Biden story is complex and very different in important ways from the narrative promoted by Republicans — but troubling in its own way.

After his father became vice president, Hunter Biden, a 52-year-old Yale-educated lawyer, forged business relationships with foreign interests that brought him millions of dollars, raised questions about whether he was cashing in on his family name, set off alarms among government officials about potential conflicts of interest, and provided Republicans an opening for years of attacks on his father.

And after the death of his brother, Beau, in 2015, Hunter descended into a spiral of addiction and tawdry and self-destructive behavior.

He is sober now and no longer entangled in foreign business deals. He is a visible presence in his father's life — his oldest daughter was married at the White House in November, and he attended a state dinner last month.

But his travails remain front and center in Washington in ways both legal and political.

Tax infractions

David Weiss, the U.S. attorney for Delaware, is closing in on a decision about whether to prosecute Hunter Biden on charges stemming from his behavior during his most troubled years.

Investigators have pored over documents related to and questioned witnesses about his overseas business dealings. They include his role on the board of Burisma, a Ukrainian energy company led by an oligarch who at the time was under investigation for corruption — a position that Hunter accepted while his father, as vice president, was overseeing Obama administration policy in Ukraine.

They also include his equity stake in a Chinese business venture, and his failed joint venture with a Chinese tycoon who had courted well-connected Americans in both parties but was later detained by Chinese authorities.

Investigators have similarly sought information about interactions between Hunter Biden's business associates and his father.

But Weiss, people familiar with the investigation say, appears to be focused on a less politically explosive set of possible charges stemming from his failure to meet filing deadlines for his 2016 and 2017 tax returns, and questions about whether he falsely claimed at least $30,000 in deductions for business expenses.

Weiss is also said to be considering charging Hunter Biden, who has openly acknowledged his years of struggle with drugs and alcohol, with lying on a U.S. government form that he filled out to purchase a handgun in 2018. On the form, he answered that he was not using drugs — an assertion that prosecutors might be able to challenge based on his erratic behavior and possible witness accounts of his drug use around that period.

A veteran federal prosecutor, Weiss was nominated in 2017 as U.S. attorney by then-President Donald Trump. He was kept on by Attorney General Merrick Garland after Joe Biden took office to avoid any suggestion of political meddling in the investigation. Weiss has been given authority by the Justice Department over whether to bring charges and could make a decision at any time.

Hunter Biden's lawyers have argued to prosecutors that the potential charges are considered so narrow by the department that even if prosecutors believe they can prove them, they are almost always dealt with through civil actions.

Regardless of what the department decides, Republicans who now control the House intend to intensify their scrutiny of Hunter Biden in a bid to inflict damage on his father as he prepares for his likely 2024 reelection bid.

Political points

Despite their years of efforts — including Trump's attempt to muscle Ukraine into helping him sully the Bidens, an escapade that led to his first impeachment — Republicans have yet to demonstrate that the senior Biden was involved in his son's business deals or took any action to benefit him or his foreign partners.

An examination by The New York Times of Weiss' investigation and Hunter Biden's journey to this juncture does not provide either side with the narrative they would prefer.

It highlights how he aligned himself with foreign actors eager to leverage their connections to him to further their own interests. But it also underscores how far removed the most likely legal charges against him are from the issues most aggressively promoted by Republicans — and how his father's opponents have often twisted or exaggerated the story of his descent to score political points.

As Steve Bannon, Trump's former strategist, put it: "I don't care about Hunter's feelings. This is war."

Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., now chairman of the House Oversight Committee, speaks about the Republicans' investigation into Hunter Biden. **AL DRAGO/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

Just before 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018, Hunter Biden received an urgent-sounding email from his accountant, Bill Morgan.

Morgan had been hounding Hunter, who had recently completed a stint in rehab for addictions to crack cocaine and alcohol, to provide him with information needed to complete his 2017 personal and business tax returns.

What he owed was substantial, more than $800,000.

"I did not hear back from you," Morgan wrote, adding that he needed his client's address so he could FedEx him the returns, which had to be filed within three days to meet the deadline.

That same Friday afternoon, however, Hunter Biden, whose father's second term as vice president had ended nearly two years earlier, had misplaced his iPhone and had gone to an AT&T store in Wilmington, Delaware, to buy a new one. He then went into a shop across the street and bought a .38-caliber handgun.

His exposure to the tax and gun charges traces back to that October afternoon, and to his intensifying problems with addiction and his loss of relationships with three of the people closest to him: a longtime colleague, his wife and his brother.

Not long after the gun purchase, Beau Biden's widow, Hallie Biden, with whom Hunter had a romantic relationship after his separation from his wife, Kathleen Buhle, found the weapon in his truck. Hunter had ominously told a close family friend, "I know you all think the wrong brother died."

Fearing he might use the gun to take his own life, Hallie Biden tossed it in a dumpster.

That November, Morgan tried once again to get Hunter's attention. Not only did he still need to file his 2016 and 2017 tax returns, but now the IRS had instructed the State Department not to renew his passport because of his outstanding tax liens.

Hunter Biden's career had long crossed paths with Democratic politics and constituencies associated with his father, stoking questions about favoritism. For much of the 2000s, he had a thriving domestic lobbying practice, which he set up with the help of one of his father's longtime advisers.

New horizons

But Hunter gave the lobbying business up after his father was selected as Barack Obama's running mate in 2008. Hunter had to scramble to find new sources of income, and by his father's second term as vice president, he was being approached about — and was seeking out — opportunities abroad.

A driving force behind Hunter's international work was a new business partner, Devon Archer, an ambitious, gregarious former Abercrombie & Fitch model who went to Yale, started his career with Citicorp in Asia and dreamed of one day becoming an ambassador.

Archer found an opportunity in Eastern Europe that was lucrative from the start. During a visit to Moscow in early 2014, Archer was introduced to the oligarch who owned Burisma, the Ukrainian energy company. Excited about the opportunity, Archer told Hunter that the oligarch, Mykola Zlochevsky, "appears incredibly legit and great guy."

In fact, Zlochevsky was under scrutiny from British authorities who were investigating whether he had illicitly taken millions of dollars' worth of Ukrainian assets. His U.S. visa had been revoked by officials at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv.

The oligarch offered Hunter Biden a seat on the board alongside Archer. At the time, Hunter was sober, and when he accepted the board seat, he appeared to be fully cognizant of the thorny issues he would face by tying himself to Burisma while his father was overseeing U.S. policy in Ukraine.

He told Archer in an email, "They need to know in no uncertain terms that we will not and cannot intervene directly with domestic policymakers, and that we need to abide by FARA and any other U.S. laws in the strictest sense across the board," referring to the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

American officials who worked on Ukraine issues were upset to learn of Hunter's role at Burisma. They were concerned it could undermine U.S. efforts, led by Vice President Biden, to persuade Ukrainian leaders to combat rampant corruption, including by investigating oligarchs, a group that included Zlochevsky.

The younger Biden's main point of contact at Burisma, Vadym Pozharskyi, would press him to help fix Zlochevsky's visa issues in the United States. To insulate Hunter Biden from the requests, a lawyer in private practice who had previously served as a top immigration official in the Obama administration was brought in to handle the matter.

Despite criticism of the oligarch within his father's administration, Hunter did not want to give up his role at Burisma, which was not particularly demanding of his time and continued to pay him handsomely — about $600,000 a year — even after he started smoking crack and stopped responding to emails from Pozharskyi.

After his father entered the presidential race in 2019, and with his relationship with Burisma under renewed scrutiny and political attack, Hunter gave up his seat on the company's board, cutting off his main source of income.

That May, he married Melissa Cohen, his second wife, and he rededicated himself to staying sober.

A few months later, Hunter learned firsthand what his accountant had warned him about the previous year: The State Department would not give him a new passport because of the outstanding tax liens.

Hunter Biden tried in vain to get in touch with his accountant. But Morgan had died. Hunter hired new accountants, who reminded him that he had never filed his 2016 and 2017 returns.

The accountants estimated that he owed about $2 million in back taxes, plus accumulated interest and penalties. He did not have that much, so he filed the returns without paying the bill, and his accountants reached out to the IRS to discuss a payment plan.

The IRS did not respond and he did not understand why — until December 2020, when, about a month after his father won the presidency, CNN broke the news of Weiss' investigation.

When Trump heard, he was furious at William Barr, his attorney general, for not making Weiss' investigation public during the campaign.

By the middle of 2021, it was clear to Hunter's legal team that Weiss was considering bringing charges against him for not paying his taxes.

That October, Hunter Biden borrowed $2 million from a wealthy Los Angeles writer and lawyer named Kevin Morris, with whom he had become friends, and he paid the IRS the full amount that his accountants estimated he owed. His liens were similarly paid.

By making the payments, former officials said, he complicated Weiss' ability to charge him with tax evasion because juries often question why the government has indicted someone who has paid his taxes.

The possible gun charge could also present hurdles for prosecutors. Lying about drug use on the federal form is rarely prosecuted unless it is added to more serious crimes and when it is used to extract cooperation from a witness.

Hunter has a growing number of lawyers and advisers. Prominent criminal defense lawyer Chris Clark has been dealing with the Justice Department investigation. He recently hired the high-profile Washington lawyer Abbe Lowell to deal with the congressional investigations.

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Kick-start your great money reset

Amid the scary, early days of the pandemic, I decided to increase the frequency of my Jill on Money podcast from a bi-weekly to a daily show.

The new schedule was a response to the thousands of emails pouring in, as people were anxious, confused and needed help making sense of their financial choices in a highly uncertain time.

Those early inquiries morphed into a different type of question that I had previously never received in the dozen years of hosting a personal finance show: Is this really how I want to live? To answer, I would walk listeners through a series of probing questions to help them understand the options that existed.

These conversations prompted me to write a book, "The Great Money Reset," a "guide to getting real and building your best life," which will be available on Jan. 24. Over the next few weeks, I will be sharing snippets of the book to help you kick-start your personal transition, to break through whatever is holding you back and to help you thrive.

I open the book with a universal fact: To reset to a new place, you have to understand where you are today. In addition to tallying up what you have saved and any obligations that you have accumulated, you also need a detailed understanding of your spending habits.

I continue to be surprised at how many people discount the idea of focusing on consumption and/or are too ashamed about their spending habits to examine what's really going on behind the behavior. Here's an excerpt of one of my favorite chapters of "The Great Money Reset":

"You might think you must blow your life savings to make a big change. Maybe not. People from all walks of life are rethinking their consumption habits. You can do the same, with an eye toward reducing expenses and directing those resources toward your dreams ...

"There's a powerful secret to achieving your dreams that I've been applying for some time, with considerable success. For the price of this book, I'm happy to let you in on it. It's a behavioral strategy that's simple, easy to apply, and guaranteed to work. Anyone can use it to feel more empowered financially, irrespective of where they live, how much they earn, or what they do for a living. So, are you ready? The secret to achieving your dreams is ... spend less.

"Rather than arriving at ironclad judgments about any particular consumption choice, it's most helpful simply to become more mindful of how we're spending our hard-earned money and how it makes us feel.

"Uncovering our spending rules isn't straightforward — it leads us into the complex netherworld that is our emotions. Here [is a question] I recommend asking to help you understand your consumer behavior and the underlying psychology as completely as possible:

"Question #1: What do I really need in my life, and what do I only think I need?

"Many of us create rules premised on the idea that we require certain goods or services to be happy and healthy. We all must make purchases corresponding to the lower rungs of the psychologist Abraham Maslow's famous hierarchy of needs — food, water, a safe place to live, heat, healthcare, and so on. When it comes to higher-order needs such as our need to feel connected to others or our need to be creative and feel self-actualized, our required purchases become less obvious."

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How to set and not forget 2023 work goals

By Vetri Vellore | Fast Company

The new year is when we set personal resolutions and goals —read more, finally begin meditating. But at work, we usually leave prioritization and goal-setting to our leaders. We rely on leadership and managers to tell us what our goals should be.

This creates a notable imbalance, especially because work, whether we're going to the office or simply powering up our laptops from home, is where we spend the majority of our time. We may take the reins on what we want to change and how we'll do it in our personal lives, but in our professional lives, we often leave most of the say to the organizations we work for. We need to apply the same motivation to our work goals, and this starts with aligning with leaders on what priorities we need to address.

Here's what's wrong with conventional goal-setting, and what you can do to make you work goals stick in the new year.

What's missing from goal-setting

One pitfall for many of us when setting work goals is focusing on what we will do (our output) rather than what we will achieve (our ideal outcome). For instance, we make our goal "complete the community launch project," a meaty task to be checked off our to-do list, rather than "create the world's most engaged HR community," an ambitious goal with tangible impact.

We also often miss the "why." You want to publish more product blogs this year — why? Is it to educate customers, improve your communication? You want to launch a community — why? To engage your customer base, reach new audiences, expand revenue from current customers?

Another common hurdle is alignment. Hybrid work has caused a disconnect between employers and employees. One survey found that 87% of employees say they're productive at work, but only 12% of leaders have confidence that's true. Amid economic uncertainty, many employees are under more pressure to deliver results with fewer resources. This makes it more vital than ever that your individual priorities as an employee align with your organization's priorities.

And perhaps the most common pitfall employees face is making the effort to set goals at the beginning of a time period but never checking in with them again. We get so caught up in the daily whirlwind of work that we lose sight of our overarching goals that map back to organizational priorities.

We have more power than we think on the impact we want to have. We just have to use the right tools to get clarity of the goals and alignment with our managers. For me, that's the objectives and key results (OKR) framework. Here's how to set goals that stick.

What do you want to accomplish?

Your objective is what you want to accomplish. This objective should be ambitious and exciting, making you smile and not quite believe you're aiming so high. For example, "create dramatically high usage for the product" is a clear outcome that helps you map out what you're trying to achieve with intention.

A clear idea of success

Your key results are your metrics of success. They are measurable: as in percentage increase, a metric or sometimes even yes or no. These can be objectively measured and act as the mile markers, the signals, that tell you you're headed in the right direction. Track progress on these key results regularly. For example, a key result for "create dramatically high usage for the product" might be "drive 10% monthly active user increase by the end of the quarter."

Outline how you will reach your OKRs

Your initiatives are the work you do to reach your goal. These are the miles you rack up on your trip.

For example, an initiative for "create dramatically high usage for the product" might be "deliver four key items from the product roadmap."

Now you know where you want to go, how you will know you are getting there, and the work you will do to get there:

Objective: Create dramatically high usage for the product.

Key result: Drive 10% user increase by end of the quarter.

Initiative: Deliver four key items from the product roadmap.

Map individual goals to business goals

Your OKRs need to consider the broader context of your organization's goals to make sure you're orienting in the right direction. First, ask yourself: "What are my organization's top three to five priorities? What are my team's top three to five priorities?" Then, ask yourself: "How can I frame and refine my goals so that the connection between my priorities and those of my organization and team are clear?"

Core values of OKR

As a longtime OKR believer, I have found there are several factors that can supercharge your goal-setting, no matter what industry, level or role you're in.

First, set goals with a growth mindset. Achieving your goals is ideal, but where OKRs really shine is by encouraging you to set lofty goals and reflect deeply when you don't hit them, so you can take those lessons into the next time period.

Next, focus on no more than three to five OKRs. Knowing what not to focus on is just as important as knowing what to focus on. A core value of OKRs is getting laser focused and making sure the teams you work with are aligned to that focus.

Finally, create rituals that encourage personal accountability. If you "set it and forget it" with OKRs, you are missing the point. Create regular weekly and monthly check-ins to keep tabs on progress and adjust as you go along. Add goals as an agenda item on your one-on-one with your manager.

You've done the hard work of putting together clear, concrete goals that align to your organization's — now it's time to execute.

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Timing regular and charitable IRA distributions

Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

Q: I recently read that in order to take a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA, you had to take it first before any other withdrawals. Is that correct?
A: No, it is not necessary to take a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) as your first IRA withdrawal. However, the regulations specify that your first withdrawals are applied to meeting your required minimum distribution (RMD). So you can only make a charitable contribution using the QCD option if you have not yet satisfied your RMD for that year.

For example, assume you have to take a $5,000 RMD for the year. If you withdraw $5,000 from your IRA without making a charitable contribution, you could not then initiate a QCD for that year. If you withdraw $1,000, however, you could still contribute up to $4,000 in a QCD later in the year.

Q: I would like to wait until age 70 to initiate my Social Security benefit. My wife will be initiating her benefit before I reach 70. I am now 68. Will I be able to take a spousal benefit and still be able to initiate my benefits at age 70?
A: No. The only way you would be eligible for the spousal-only option you describe is if you were born before Jan. 2, 1954. Because you were not, you cannot file for a spousal benefit and also apply for your work benefit later at age 70. When you do apply for a spousal benefit, Social Security will assume that you are applying also for your work benefit at that time, and you will receive whichever is greater, the spousal benefit or the benefit you are entitled to based on your work record up to then.

Q: I turned 72 in 2022. I intended to wait until April 1, 2023 for my first RMD, and later in the year take my second RMD. I understand that, based on the omnibus bill that was recently passed, RMDs can be postponed now to age 73. Does that mean I can take my first RMD by April 1, 2023 and postpone my next RMD until 2024?
A: No. Because you reached 72 in 2022, you are required to take RMDs based on the rules in effect in 2022. So you do have to take two RMDs in 2023, as you had planned to do, one by April 1, 2023 and the second by year-end 2023. Then, in 2024, you can make one RMD by year-end, based on your balance at the end of 2023 and your age in 2023.

Q: Do you have any recommendations for investing in safe, conservative investments now that interest rates have increased?
A: If you are looking to invest for the short term, and are looking for a safe investment with reasonable returns, you can now receive over 4% from money-market funds from the financial institution handling your investments. For example, I recently invested in Vanguard's federal money-market fund, which returns over 4%. Many financial institutions are now offering similar returns for money-market funds. They are safe investments, and you don't have to keep these funds invested for a long-period of time if interest rates fall significantly, which is not likely in the near future.

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5 stocks to sell now

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This past year was tough for many stocks. Some analysts say 2023 is not looking good for these five stocks, and investors would be wise to jettison them now from their portfolios.

Boston Beer (Sam): Headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, Boston Beer is known for its Samuel Adams and Dogfish Head beers, Truly hard seltzer and other brands. U.S. hard seltzer consumption soared in 2020. But the hard seltzer craze has faded, say analysts at Goldman Sachs, putting pressure on Boston's revenue growth. It's doubtful that Boston's other products, such as Twisted Tea (hard iced tea), can make up for the slowdown, they conclude.

Cable One (CABO): This telecom firm provides internet, voice and cable TV services in 24 states. Shares tumbled 60% over the past year. Parnassus fund managers Matt Gershuny and Lori Keith say they are reassessing their stake in the company.

Cable One has an opportunity in rural markets, Keith says, but two trends pose hurdles. Viewers are dropping cable TV to stream over the internet. And fixed-wireless internet — using wireless technologies to cover the last mile — is catching on in areas where a fiber network (like Cable One's) is difficult to deploy.

D.R. Horton (DHI): Despite weak trends in U.S. housing data and skyrocketing mortgage rates, homebuilder D.R. Horton's shares have risen since a low in June. Fifteen of 21 analysts who follow the stock are bulls — though not Kenneth Leon, director of equity research at CFRA Research. "We take a contrarian opinion with a 'sell' rating, as we believe new-home demand has not hit bottom," he says. And it's too early to bargain hunt. "We believe the U.S. housing market is in a downward cycle, just entering a recession, and we do not expect to see signs of a housing recovery anytime soon."

Meta Platforms (Meta): Despite its fall from the pantheon of megatech superstars, Meta, the former Facebook, still has fans. The stock earns an average rating of "outperform" from the 58 analysts who cover it, according to S&P Capital IQ.

Investment firm Needham is not among the bulls, however, with an "underperform" call on Meta, which, by mid-December, was down about 65% for 2022. Lest you be tempted to bottom-fish, Needham analysts note the high costs of Meta's pivot from social media to virtual reality (the Metaverse) and the distant payoff.

"Metaverse investment levels are the most expensive gamble by any company we've ever covered," they say. Because Meta talks about returns on those investments in terms of 2030, "there is no need to be in Meta today."

Nasdaq (NDAQ): Call it a victim of its own success. The stock exchange that is home to tech-stock heavyweights has successfully morphed into a fintech company, with more emphasis on providing market data and analytics, as well as technology for trading, clearing, antifraud surveillance and other services.

Nasdaq shares now trade at a premium that BofA Securities analysts think is too rich, given signs of decelerating growth and other headwinds. They recently downgraded the shares from "buy" to "underperform." Among the risks facing Nasdaq: the disengagement of individual investors drawn into the market during the pandemic who are now returning to work and put off by market losses in 2022.

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The Savage Truth

529 savings plan updates under SECURE 2.0 Act

The best way to save for college for your children and grandchildren is a 529 college savings plan. And the recent SECURE 2.0 Act legislation created some improvements on this great product. The tax advantages make 529 plans the clear winner for college planning and saving.

Money saved in a 529 college savings plan can be invested to grow tax-free over the years, and then be withdrawn and used tax-free to pay for any college in any state. Qualified educational expenses include tuition, room and board (if attending at least half time), books and fees paid in the same year as the withdrawal is made.

When it comes to financial aid, money in a 529 plan has a far lower impact in the aid formula than assets held in a custodial account for the child. A separate account must be opened for each child, although money can later be used to pay for other children in the family, if one gets a scholarship or does not attend college.

Each state has set up its own 529 program, and you can participate in your own state's plan or in any state's plan. You might base that decision on the performance of the investments within the plan. Check out those performance ratings at SavingforCollege.com or Morningstar.com. A reason to choose the plan of the state where you reside is if it offers a tax deduction for some of your contributions.

Some states offer both an "investment" plan and a prepaid tuition plan. Stick with the investment-type plan, since prepaid tuition plans limit choices to in-state schools and ultimate payouts may depend on availability of state funds.

Most states offer investment-type plans that are sold directly on their website or through financial services firms. The latter can have higher upfront and ongoing fees for essentially the same investments. Go directly to the plan website to open your account.

The 529 investment plans offer choices — typically an age-based plan that invests more aggressively for younger children and moves to more conservative choices as college nears. Or you may have a choice of mutual funds. But you are limited by law to two investment changes each year. The value of the account goes up and down with market performance of the investments.

There is no maximum annual contribution (although states set maximums for their plans), but gifts over the annual gift tax exclusion amount ($17,000) can trigger the need to file a gift tax return. One exception allows a combination of five years of the allowable gift at one time — a total of $85,000 in 2023 — allowing wealthy grandparents to get money out of their taxable estate.

But you can easily start small. Most state plans allow you to set up an account with as little as $25 and subsequent contributions of $15. They also help you set up automatic withdrawal plans from your checking account to keep the fund growing. And anyone — parents, grandparents or friends — can make contributions to the plan for birthday and holiday gifts.

The new tax law changes mean a parent or grandparent can open the account with the same impact on financial aid. (In the past, withdrawals from grandparent-owned accounts impacted aid more heavily.) In fact, each could open separate accounts for the same child.

Until now the only choice for excess funds was to share the fund with another qualifying child (or let the money grow for a future grandchild). If the money is withdrawn for non-college purposes, it is subject to a 10% penalty and ordinary income taxes on the gains.

But under the SECURE 2.0 Act, starting in 2024, accounts that have been held at least 15 years can be rolled over to a Roth IRA for the owner or beneficiary, subject to the annual contribution limits and with a maximum of $35,000. However, you cannot roll over any contributions made in the last five years.

Start saving for college now in a 529 plan. Time is money. And that's The Savage Truth.

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How to internalize your success and beat imposter syndrome once and for all

SOURCE: AJ Hess, Fast Company

It's possible to overcome imposterism by retraining your thinking and internalizing your successes—without becoming big-headed. Here's how.

Rewrite misconceptions about confidence
Keep in mind that there's a big difference between healthy confidence and overconfidence. Those with healthy confidence are not only secure in their judgments and strengths, but they can also show humility and admit their weaknesses. Overconfident people, on the other hand, overestimate their competence and think they can excel in areas in which they have no knowledge. But perhaps you have thought that being hard on yourself is what keeps you striving higher. Research shows that self-criticism is a poor strategy. When used excessively, it is consistently associated with less motivation, reduced self-control, and more procrastination.

Shift your explanatory style
In the late 1990s, psychologists Gregory Buchanan and Martin Seligman coined the term "explanatory style" to describe the way people interpret events that happen to them. You can train yourself to have a more optimistic explanatory style, which is shown to lead to greater happiness, motivation, and productivity. This style can help you to interpret positive events that happen to you as a result of internal factors, such as your inherent capabilities or effort, and is more long-lasting. You can also give yourself more credit for moments of strengths that grow your resilience and resourcefulness by broadening your definition of success.

Accept compliments
When someone applauds your work, are you quick to brush off their praise and say, "Oh, it was nothing"? When you experience imposter syndrome, praise can create cognitive dissonance. Because positive feedback about your capabilities doesn't fit into your current self-image, you reject it. The next time someone gives you a compliment, try to receive it graciously. Resist the urge to explain away your successes or to rattle off a string of justifications as to why your accomplishment is no big deal. Instead, keep your response short and simple, such as, "Thank you, I'm so glad you noticed" or, "I appreciate that."

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RETIREMENT

Cracking your nest egg

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The 4% rule is the best-known retirement withdrawal strategy.

William Bengen, a financial adviser, came up with this rule in a famous paper published in 1994. He reviewed how long a portfolio in a tax-deferred account would last on returns ranging from 1926 to 1976. He found that retirees in all these scenarios would have their savings last at least 30 years if they took out 4% in their initial year of retirement and adjusted the dollar amount for inflation every year thereafter. For example, if you retire with $1 million, you would take $40,000 out for your first year of retirement. If inflation was 5%, in year two you would adjust and take $42,000 out.

"The 4% rule has been around for so long. Its beauty comes from its simplicity," says Amit Sinha of Voya Investment Management.

For this strategy to work, you must keep your money invested in a balanced portfolio for growth, somewhere between 50%/50% to 60%/40% stocks and bonds. While the return assumptions behind the 4% rule might work out in the long run, what matters for your portfolio is your actual investment performance. This is where the 4% rule can run into trouble.

Let's say you hit a severe bear market at the start of your retirement, like now. This is a problem called "sequence of return risk," in which you have the bad timing to run into large negative returns right when you retire. Under the 4% rule, you'd still keep withdrawing the same amount. If your $1 million portfolio falls to $800,000, a $40,000 withdrawal is now 5% of your remaining money. As you spend a larger share of your portfolio, it increases the chance that you run out of money later.

Wade Pfau, a professor of retirement income at The American College of Financial Services, recommends the 4% rule for those who want simplicity and to keep flexibility with their retirement savings. He also says it works best for those who trust the markets and won't get rattled by downturns.

The 4% rule, though, isn't the only target you can use. Other financial experts, including Bengen himself, have continued to research what works and what doesn't for retirement portfolios.

In a 2021 interview, Bengen revamped his rule, suggesting retirees could safely increase the initial withdraw rate up to 4.5%. They could do so by adding small-cap stocks to their portfolios for higher returns, as well as large-cap stocks and Treasury bonds.

Other experts recommend being more cautious, especially with market volatility and longer life expectancies. For example, a Morningstar research paper calculated 3.3% as a safe withdrawal rate.

Another option is to figure out how much you need per year to cover your retirement spending needs and see what percentage that is. If you have a $2 million portfolio and need $60,000 a year, that's a 3% withdrawal rate, well within the experts' recommended range. Then adjust each year for inflation.

Paying down your credit card debt is a good resolution for the new year

By Sandra Block
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Carrying a balance has always been costly, but it's particularly expensive now.

The average credit card interest rate in mid-December was 19.42%, the highest rate since 1992.

As the Federal Reserve Board continues to raise short-term interest rates to throttle inflation, average rates could rise even higher, says Ted Rossman, credit card analyst for Bankrate.com, which tracks interest rates for consumer loans.

It is not unusual for consumers who are struggling to pay their bills to pay the minimum payment on their credit cards.

But over time, paying the minimum will add thousands of dollars to the amount you owe.

The average amount owed by cardholders who are carrying a balance is $6,569, according to an analysis by LendingTree, an online loan marketplace. If you are carrying a balance of that amount, your interest rate is 18%, and you pay only the minimum of $165 each month, it will take you five years to retire the debt, and your total payments will top $10,000. (You can crunch your own numbers at www.experian.com/blogs/ask-experian/credit-card-payoff-calculator.)

If you have good-to-excellent credit, one option is to apply for a balance-transfer card with a 0% introductory rate. Wells Fargo, Bank of America and Citibank are offering balance-transfer cards with a 0% rate for up to 21 months, Rossman says. Most charge a transfer fee of 3% to 5% of the balance.

Once the introductory period ends, the interest rate will rise to the card's regular rate, which could be even higher than the rate you were paying before the balance transfer. Ideally, you should try to pay off most or all of your balance before that happens. Divide the amount you owe by the number of months in the balance-transfer period to get an idea of how much you should try to pay down each month. Resist the temptation to add to your credit card debt, even if you get offers for 0% interest on new purchases, Rossman says.

Steve Rosen
Kids & Money

Secure Act boosts families' 529 options

Congress gift-wrapped a lucrative year-end present to parents that adds flexibility on how to handle untapped money sitting in a 529 college savings account.

The Secure Act 2.0, which was approved late last month, includes a provision that allows tax- and penalty-free rollovers into a Roth retirement account of money stranded in 529s and no longer needed to pay college expenses. Certain conditions, of course, must be met.

This provision comes with a $35,000 lifetime cap on the rollovers and is set to go into effect in 2024. Currently, money in a 529 that's withdrawn for non-education expenses can be subject to penalties and taxes.

For many families, sitting on a spare $35,000 in a 529 plan is a non-issue. They need to plunk down every dollar possible into the 529 to cover tuition and don't have money to spare.

But having extra money in a 529 can happen, especially if your child gets hefty scholarships, chooses not to attend college, or you simply overfunded your account or chose a more affordable school. This new option allows parents to eventually reposition the extra funds from the child's college account to a tax-advantaged Roth IRA.

This provision is not a carte blanche option for the wealthy. There are caveats:

- The 529 plan must have been opened for at least 15 years before the rollover into a retirement account can occur.
- The lifetime cap of $35,000 "limits the usefulness for families that have greater amounts of leftover money, such as for children enrolled in the military academies, who enroll in less-expensive colleges, and children who won scholarships," said Mark Kantrowitz, author of "How to Appeal for More College Financial Aid."
- Capping the rollover means some families may have to make the transfers over several years to comply with Roth contribution limits.

Ted Rossman, a senior credit industry analyst at Bankrate.com, said the changes are positive because they could lead to more families participating in 529 plans.

He points to a 2021 survey by Fidelity Investments, which noted that only 19% of parents of high schoolers had a dedicated college savings account.

"I know many families are hesitant to open a 529 plan because they worry about what will happen to the money if their child doesn't go to college or earns scholarships," Rossman said. "I think being able to convert unused 529 funds into retirement savings without penalty could eliminate a key barrier to entry."

- Having earned income as a requirement to open a Roth IRA has not changed, Rossman said. "I think the main idea is that the child could benefit from these unused 529 funds as a kick-start to their retirement savings journey," he said.

"In theory, this person would be working, even if they decided not to go to college or if they graduated with scholarships or had unused funds for some other reason ... in any case, this would be a gradual process."

While the 529 rollover option is far from perfect, making the plans more accessible and flexible is a step in the right direction.

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DREAMSTIME

Taxes shrink year-end bonuses

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Q: I just got my year-end bonus, and it's a lot less than I expected because of taxes. Is there any way to avoid taxes on bonuses?

A: First and foremost, bonuses are taxed because they are considered taxable income. But the IRS also considers bonuses to be supplemental wages — e.g., overtime and commissions — that aren't regular wages. When your employer pays supplemental wages, they are supposed to follow payroll tax rules and withhold a portion of those wages (in this case, your bonus) for taxes.

The amount that is withheld from your bonus depends on the withholding method that your employer uses, which depends, in part, on the amount of your bonus and how your bonus is paid.

The first supplemental wage tax withholding method is called the "percentage method." This method is typically used when your bonus check is issued separately from your normal paycheck.

The percentage method means that if your bonus is less than $1 million, your employer automatically withholds a flat 22% from the bonus for tax. So, if you've been told that you are receiving a $5,000 bonus, and your employer uses the flat percentage method, they should withhold at least 22%, which based on this example would be $1,100.

If your bonus exceeds $1 million, the flat percentage withholding would be 37% of the amount of your bonus that exceeds $1 million. Thirty-seven percent correlates to the top federal income tax rate.

The other method for withholding from supplemental wages is the "aggregate method." This is typically used when your employer pays your bonus money along with your regular pay in a single payment. Under this method, your employer withholds tax in accordance with a formula based on the information that you provided on your W-4 Form.

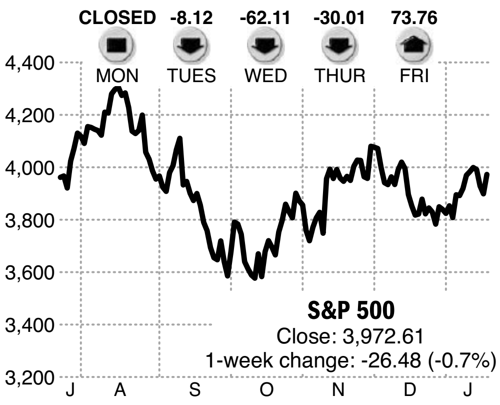
The aggregate withholding method can cause some confusion and frustration for people. That's because your regular pay and bonus pay are combined, as a lump sum. As a result, the amount of tax taken out from the check that includes your bonus pay is higher than what you're used to with your normal paycheck on your regular payday. Keep in mind that other normal income, and payroll, taxes (e.g., state taxes, Social Security taxes, etc.) are also withheld.

Can you avoid paying taxes on a bonus?

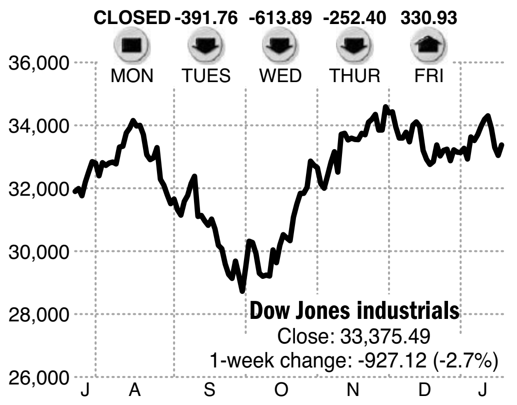
Because your employer is required to withhold, you can't avoid the tax on your bonus. But it can understandably be frustrating to receive compensation for a job well done and then find that much of that money goes to taxes.

INVESTING

Stocks Recap



S&P 500
Close: 3,972.61
1-week change: -26.48 (-0.7%)



Dow Jones industrials
Close: 33,375.49
1-week change: -927.12 (-2.7%)

WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
35824.28	28660.94	Dow Jones industrials	34269.97	32948.93	33375.49	-927.12	-2.7	+0.7	-2.6
16728.57	11946.21	Dow Jones trans.	14708.22	14021.22	14356.43	-7.96	-0.1	+7.2	-5.8
1077.08	823.64	Dow Jones utilities	995.97	940.64	960.60	-28.00	-2.8	-0.7	+1.8
17219.06	13278.56	NYSE Comp.	15973.29	15504.07	15777.55	-140.82	-0.9	+3.9	-3.8
6930.52	4952.56	NYSE International	6336.17	6192.49	6308.44	+57.20	+0.9	+8.6	-3.6
15446.29	10440.64	Nasdaq 100	11690.27	11251.94	11619.03	+77.54	+0.7	+6.2	-19.5
14740.42	10088.83	Nasdaq Comp.	11223.41	10804.57	11140.43	+61.28	+0.6	+6.4	-19.1
4637.30	3491.58	S&P 500	4015.39	3885.54	3972.61	-26.48	-0.7	+3.5	-9.7
2782.64	2185.93	S&P MidCap	2600.74	2504.78	2558.46	-22.45	-0.9	+5.3	-1.4
47103.44	34917.15	Wilshire 5000	40044.93	38696.72	39585.93	-248.17	-0.6	+4.0	-10.5
2160.35	1641.47	Russell 2000	1903.87	1825.58	1867.34	-19.70	-1.0	+6.0	-6.1
483.73	377.77	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	457.29	450.75	452.03	-0.62	-0.1	+6.4	-4.7
7875.58	6707.62	FTSE 100	7875.58	7726.23	7770.59	-73.48	-0.9	+4.3	+3.7

Gold	↗	**+8.00** $1,926.40
Silver	↘	**-.40** $23.83
Crude Oil	↗	**+1.45** $81.31
Natural Gas	↘	**-.25** $3.17
10-year T-note	↘	**-.02** 3.48%
Euro	↘	**-.0021** to .9213/$1
Yen	↗	**+1.65** to 129.58/$1

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Ford Motor	12.40	-.32
Bank of America	33.85	-1.38
Carnival Corp	10.47	-.04
AMC Entertainment A	5.52	+.46
AT&T Inc	19.23	-.32
Nu Holdings Ltd	3.81	+.13
Pfizer Inc	45.11	-2.74
Transocean Ltd	6.01	+.35
Palantir Technol	7.02	+.06
Verizon Comm	40.00	-1.86
Snap Inc A	9.99	+.19
Carvana Co A	6.49	-.53
Lumen Technologies	5.22	-.68

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Mullen Automotive	.29	-.06
Exela Technologies	.07	+.00
Tesla Inc	133.42	+11.02
Summit Wireless Tech	.14	+.05
Bed Bath &Beynd	3.35	-.31
Amazon.com Inc	97.25	-.87
Apple Inc	137.87	+3.11
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.61	+.11
Ontrak Inc	1.06	+.49
Marathon Digital Hld	8.07	+.39
Nvidia Corporation	178.39	+9.40
IQIYI Inc	5.69	-1.00
Adv Micro Dev	70.07	-.93

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Direx SOX Bear 3X	28.28	-.17
Direx Biotech Bull	7.84	-.39
Direx SOX Bull 3X	12.79	-.16
iShs China Large Cap	32.49	+.40
iShs Emerg Mkts	41.73	+.43
iShs Core USTreas Bd	23.30	+.01
iShs iBoxx HY CpBd	76.17	-.47
Invesco QQQ Trust	282.68	+1.71
ProShs UltraPro QQQ	20.39	+.29
ProShs Short S&P	15.52	+.11
ProShs UltPro ShtQQQ	44.79	-1.02
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	395.88	-2.62
SPDR Financial	35.35	-.77

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
ASML Holding NV	648.85	-10.84
Abbott Labs	112.82	-.69
AbbVie Inc	149.59	-4.01
Accenture PLC	280.47	-1.67
Alibaba Group Hldg	119.86	+2.85
Alphabet Inc C	99.28	+6.48
Alphabet Inc A	98.02	+5.90
Amazon.com Inc	97.25	-.87
Apple Inc	137.87	+3.11
AstraZeneca PLC	69.15	-1.93
BHP Billiton Ltd	69.46	+.18
Bank of America	33.85	-1.38
Berkshire Hath A	469645.00	-11376.00
Berkshire Hath B	309.87	-7.77
Broadcom Inc	570.78	-8.22
Chevron Corp	180.90	+3.34
Cisco Syst	46.78	-2.10
CocaCola Co	60.08	-1.35
Costco Wholesale	480.11	-5.14
Danaher Corp	274.40	+.78
Disney	103.48	+4.08
Eli Lilly	346.07	-15.55
Exxon Mobil Corp	113.35	+.20
Home Depot	315.00	-16.21
JPMorgan Chase	135.08	-7.93
Johnson & Johnson	168.74	-4.69
MasterCard Inc	376.28	+.76
McDonalds Corp	268.58	-.31
Merck & Co	109.94	-2.31
Meta Platforms Inc	139.37	+2.39
Microsoft Corp	240.22	+.99
Novartis AG	92.07	+1.01
Novo Nordisk AS	141.10	+4.78
Nvidia Corporation	178.39	+9.40
Oracle Corp	87.25	-1.95
PepsiCo	169.88	-5.36
Pfizer Inc	45.11	-2.74
Procter & Gamble	142.97	-7.00
Shell plc ADS	58.90	-.71
T-Mobile US Inc	145.12	-4.56
Taiwan Semicon	91.03	+4.23
Tesla Inc	133.42	+11.02
Thermo Fisher Sci	593.66	+9.82
Toyota Mot	146.11	+5.81
Unitedhealth Group	486.72	-2.85
Visa Inc	224.31	+1.25
WalMart Strs	140.54	-4.75

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Century UltraInv	58.32	+.64	-20.8
American Funds AMCpA m	31.87	+.10	-15.6
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.55	-.15	-6.5
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	48.88	-.71	-1.1
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	11.70	+.02	-8.3
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	54.34	-.11	-9.4
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	64.72	-.33	-3.9
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	53.14	+.48	-12.2
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	62.95	-.26	-7.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	52.64	+.06	-18.9
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.11	-.21	-3.1
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	42.77	-.29	-7.7
American Funds NewWldA m	71.07	+.28	-12.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	50.29	+.03	-15.7
American Funds SmCpWldA m	60.30	+.19	-15.8
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	45.97	+.07	-16.4
American Funds TxExBdA m	12.39	+.06	-5.3
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	52.57	-.70	-3.1
Artisan IntlValueInstl	41.72	+.22	-1.3
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.89	+.02	-8.9
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	10.17	+.03	-8.4
BlackRock HYBdInstl	6.86	-.02	-5.9
BlackRock StrIncOpIns	9.36	+.01	-3.1
Calamos MktNetrlIncIns	13.97	...	-1.9
Columbia DivIncIns	29.01	-.61	-.6
DFA EMktCorEqI	21.88	+.30	-10.5
DFA IntlCorEqIns	14.52	+.12	-6.0
DFA IntlSmCpValIns	20.11	+.18	-3.6
DFA USCorEq1Instl	30.98	-.26	-6.2
DFA USCorEqIIInstl	28.23	-.26	-5.3
DFA USLgCpValInstl	42.90	-.60	-1.2
DFA USSmCpInstl	40.69	-.51	-2.0
DFA USSmCpValInstl	41.27	-.48	+4.0
DFA USTrgtedValIns	28.88	-.33	+3.6
Dodge & Cox BalI	97.17	-.15	-4.0
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.60	+.03	-6.3
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	46.61	+.23	-3.0
Dodge & Cox StkI	223.84	-1.72	-4.6
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	9.06	+.02	-8.4
Edgewood GrInstl	33.96	+.35	-26.1
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	137.84	-.90	-9.9
Fidelity BCGrowth	121.15	+.92	-24.7
Fidelity Balanced	23.86	-.02	-10.5
Fidelity Cap&Inc	9.31	-.02	-5.0
Fidelity Contrafund	12.60	-.01	-18.1
Fidelity EmergMketsOpps	17.29	+.20	-15.6
Fidelity ExMktIdxInPr	67.15	-.24	-12.5
Fidelity Frdm 2025	12.34	+.03	-9.7
Fidelity Frdm 2030	15.44	+.04	-9.6
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.36	+.11	-8.1
Fidelity GroCo	24.04	+.17	-19.6
Fidelity GroCo	14.66	+.05	-18.0
Fidelity IntlGr	15.58	+.13	-9.5
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	44.36	+.29	-5.7
Fidelity IntlVal	10.77	+.08	-2.5
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.15	+.01	-8.2
Fidelity LowPrStk	47.66	-.01	-.2
Fidelity Magellan	11.25	+.04	-13.2
Fidelity OTCPortfolio	13.66	+.10	-19.8
Fidelity Puritan	21.30	-.04	-9.0
Fidelity TotalBond	9.62	+.01	-8.5
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	110.23	-.67	-10.3
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.47	+.01	-8.6
First Eagle GlbA m	61.17	-.04	-1.5
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.34	-.01	-2.4
Franklin Templeton IncAdv	2.32	-.01	-2.3
Franklin Templeton RisingDivsA m	83.15	-1.42	-3.3
Harbor CptlApprecInstl	67.16	+.48	-24.1
Harding Loevner IntlEqInstl	25.39	+.14	-10.8
INVESCO DevMktsY	38.22	+.03	-16.9
JPMorgan CoreBondI	10.41	+.02	-7.7
JPMorgan CoreBondR6	10.42	+.02	-7.5
JPMorgan EqIncI	22.71	-.39	-1.8
JPMorgan LCapGrI	46.09	-.22	-17.3
John Hancock DiscpValMCI	25.43	-.30	-1.9
Lord Abbett ShrtDurIncI	3.87	+.01	-3.0
MFS IntlEqR6	30.39	+.21	-5.9
MFS ValI	48.62	-.90	-.3
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.35	+.02	-9.9
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdPlan	8.77	+.02	-9.8
Old Westbury LgCpStrats	15.26	-.02	-12.7
PGIM Investments TtlRetBdZ	12.11	+.03	-9.5
PIMCO AlAstInstl	10.97	+.02	-6.8
PIMCO IncA m	10.61	-.02	-4.6
PIMCO IncI2	10.61	-.02	-4.3
PIMCO IncInstl	10.61	-.02	-4.3
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.71	...	-9.2
Parnassus CorEqInv	48.67	-.39	-10.5
Schwab SP500Idx	60.84	-.40	-12.6
Schwab Schwab1000Idx	85.20	-.52	-13.2
Schwab TtlStkMktIdx	67.79	-.41	-13.1
T. Rowe Price BCGr	109.75	+1.06	-26.5
T. Rowe Price CptlAprc	30.76	-.08	-5.1
T. Rowe Price DivGr	65.23	-.87	-3.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	65.43	+.52	-27.5
T. Rowe Price LrgCpGrI	48.17	+.37	-23.5
T. Rowe Price MdCpGr	93.42	-.08	-8.4
T. Rowe Price Rtr2030	22.81	-.02	-9.7
TIAA-CREF EqIdxIns	28.22	-.17	-10.1
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	366.67	-2.39	-9.9
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	41.07	-.12	-9.5
Vanguard CAITTxExAdm	11.39	+.05	-3.2
Vanguard CptlOppAdmrl	155.78	-.48	-6.0
Vanguard DevMIdxAdmrl	14.56	+.11	-6.9
Vanguard DevMIdxIns	14.58	+.11	-6.8
Vanguard DivGrInv	34.98	-.72	-1.2
Vanguard EMStkIdxInAdm	35.20	+.36	-12.4
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	85.73	-1.48	+2.2
Vanguard ExplorerAdmrl	92.31	-.30	-8.6
Vanguard ExtMktIdxAdmrl	107.43	-.40	-12.5
Vanguard ExtMktIdxIns	107.43	-.39	-12.5
Vanguard ExtMktIdxInsPls	265.11	-.98	-12.5
Vanguard GNMAAdmrl	9.45	+.01	-6.8
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	116.90	+1.04	-20.5
Vanguard GrIdxIns	116.91	+1.04	-20.5
Vanguard HCAdmrl	90.22	-.60	+6.7
Vanguard HYCorpAdmrl	5.29	-.03	-5.0
Vanguard HYTEAdmrl	10.64	+.07	-7.0
Vanguard InTrBdIdxAdmrl	10.39	+.02	-8.6
Vanguard InTrInGdAdm	8.60	+.02	-8.6
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.68	+.07	-3.4
Vanguard InflPrtScAdmrl	23.65	+.08	-7.4
Vanguard InflPrtScIns	9.63	+.03	-7.5
Vanguard InsIdxIns	333.03	-2.18	-9.9
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	333.03	-2.17	-9.9
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	69.68	-.43	-10.3
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	100.66	+.21	-17.5
Vanguard IntlValInv	39.16	+.42	-4.7
Vanguard LTInGrdAdm	8.27	-.02	-17.4
Vanguard LTTEAdmrl	10.92	+.07	-5.9
Vanguard LfStrGrInv	37.84	+.01	-9.4
Vanguard LfStrModGrInv	28.67	+.02	-9.2
Vanguard LtdTrmTEAdmrl	10.80	+.02	-1.1
Vanguard MCpVlIdxAdm	72.74	-1.03	-1.5
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	264.06	-1.81	-7.2
Vanguard MdCpIdxIns	58.33	-.40	-7.2
Vanguard MdCpIdxInsPlus	287.68	-1.97	-7.2
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	138.49	-.83	-6.0
Vanguard PrmCpCorInv	28.63	-.24	-3.3
Vanguard RlEstIdxAdmrl	124.31	-.67	-13.8
Vanguard SCpGrIdxAdm	75.77	-.22	-11.2
Vanguard SCpValIdxAdm	71.76	-.76	-.5
Vanguard STBdIdxAdmrl	9.98	+.01	-3.6
Vanguard STInfPrScIdAdmr	23.58	+.05	-1.4
Vanguard STInfPrScIdIns	23.60	+.06	-1.4
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.07	+.02	-3.6
Vanguard STInvmGrdIns	10.07	+.02	-3.6
Vanguard STTEAdmrl	15.66	+.02	+.2
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	93.29	-.70	-4.9
Vanguard SmCpIdxIns	93.29	-.69	-4.9
Vanguard StarInv	25.51	+.01	-9.8
Vanguard TMCapApAdm	205.68	-.99	-10.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.32	+.04	-8.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.39	+.02	-9.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	32.82	+.03	-9.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	20.28	+.01	-9.3
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Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	24.00	...	-9.4
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Vanguard TrgtRtr2055Fd	44.40	...	-9.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2060Fd	40.89	+.01	-9.3
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.65	+.02	-7.6
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.75	+.01	-8.8
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.75	+.01	-8.8
Vanguard TtBMIdxInsPlus	9.75	+.01	-8.8
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	19.47	+.10	-9.6
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns	29.22	+.15	-9.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	30.07	+.24	-8.4
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	120.24	+.94	-8.4
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	120.27	+.95	-8.3
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	17.98	+.15	-8.4
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	96.77	-.60	-10.4
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	96.79	-.59	-10.4
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	96.76	-.59	-10.5
Vanguard USGrAdmrl	108.22	+.90	-25.6
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	55.26	-1.12	+.1
Vanguard ValIdxIns	55.26	-1.12	+.1
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	67.90	-.52	-8.3
Vanguard WlngtnInv	39.32	-.30	-8.4
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	60.76	-.34	-5.1
Vanguard WndsrAdmrl	71.50	-.65	+1.7
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	68.76	-.43	-6.7
Vanguard WndsrIIInv	38.77	-.24	-6.7
WCM FocIntGrIns	21.42	+.27	-13.7
Western Asset CorPlusBdI	9.78	-.01	-12.4
iShares S&P500IdxK	465.91	-3.04	-9.9

b - Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. s - fund split shares during the week. x - fund paid a distribution during the week. Source: Morningstar.

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and northwest Indiana as of Friday, January 20, 2023

Market capitalization in millions of dollars (CAP) · *Stock $ change* (WEEK) · *Stock % return* (1-YR)

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 AbbVie Inc	264,547	149.59	▼ -4.01	+14.2
2 McDonalds Corp	196,714	268.58	▼ -.31	+5.5
3 Abbott Labs	196,710	112.82	▼ -.69	-9.8
4 Caterpillar Inc	129,951	249.71	▼ -7.55	+13.0
5 Boeing Co	122,776	206.76	▼ -7.37	-4.6
6 Deere Co	122,012	410.60	▼ -29.03	+9.9
7 Mondelez Intl	87,454	64.04	▼ -3.02	-3.4
8 ITW	69,510	226.28	▼ -6.96	-6.7
9 CME Group	62,973	175.06	▼ -.56	-20.4
10 Kraft Heinz Co	48,850	39.88	▼ -2.54	+11.9
11 Arch Dan Mid	46,556	84.75	▼ -3.65	+22.4
12 Motorola Solutions	42,688	255.31	▼ -10.70	+4.7
13 Exelon Corp	42,075	42.34	▼ -1.04	+7.7
14 Gallagher AJ	40,881	193.90	▼ -2.65	+24.8
15 Allstate Corp	33,323	125.65	▼ -13.32	+5.9
16 Walgreen Boots Alli	30,946	35.88	▼ -.90	-30.3
17 Discover Fin Svcs	29,000	106.14	▼ -1.06	-12.1
18 Grainger WW	28,308	560.24	▼ -13.62	+11.5
19 CDW Corp	26,910	198.76	▲ +3.91	+5.3
20 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	24,995	491.25	▲ +.26	+31.3
21 Equity Residential	23,177	61.33	▲ +.71	-29.2
22 Baxter Intl	22,120	43.88	▼ -.96	-47.7
23 Ventas Inc	19,698	49.28	▲ +.29	-1.2
24 Dover Corp	19,556	139.34	▼ -5.05	-22.4
25 Nthn Trust Cp	19,457	93.36	▼ -4.84	-25.8
26 ConAgra Brands Inc	18,102	37.98	▼ -1.93	+11.2
27 IDEX Corp	17,437	231.20	▼ -7.70	+5.9
28 CF Industries	16,966	86.48	▼ -.43	+29.9
29 United Airlines Hldg	16,160	49.46	▼ -2.19	+8.9
30 Zebra Tech	15,335	297.03	▲ +3.33	-43.9
31 LKQ Corporation	14,951	55.96	▼ -2.56	+2.4
32 TransUnion	13,074	67.85	▼ -.80	-36.8
33 CBOE Global Markets	12,973	122.30	▼ -2.19	+3.3
34 Equity Lifesty Prop	12,659	68.02	▲ +.61	-12.1
35 Packaging Corp Am	12,258	132.48	▼ -2.92	-1.9
36 CNA Financial	11,358	41.93	▼ -1.32	+.4
37 Paylocity Hldg	11,166	200.57	▲ +6.54	+.4
38 NiSource Inc	11,050	27.21	▼ -.58	-.6
39 Morningstar Inc	10,219	240.77	▼ -.15	-17.3
40 Jones Lang LaSalle	8,385	176.67	▼ -.49	-28.1
41 US Foods Holding	8,240	36.64	▼ -.65	+.3
42 Fortune Brands Innov	7,949	61.99	▼ -1.32	-26.4
43 Middleby Corp	7,898	146.58	▼ -4.42	-25.0
44 Aptargroup Inc	7,396	113.29	▼ -.68	-6.5
45 Old Republic	7,285	23.94	▼ -.46	+2.5
46 First Indl RT	6,851	51.85	▲ +.78	-14.4
47 Ingredion Inc	6,696	102.15	▲ +2.00	+4.5
48 RLI Corp	6,037	133.06	▼ -6.58	+34.9
49 Littelfuse Inc	6,035	243.82	▼ -3.33	-16.1
50 Brunswick Corp	5,654	77.98	▼ -1.28	-15.5
51 IAA Inc	5,437	40.65	▲ +.82	-13.8
52 CCC Intellig Solut	5,375	8.66	▼ -.03	-16.9
53 Wintrust Financial	5,300	87.23	▼ -.43	-13.2
54 Hyatt Hotels Corp	5,247	109.10	▲ +4.16	+20.8
55 Stericycle Inc	4,869	52.82	▼ -.02	-10.6
56 Ryan Specialty Group	4,704	41.87	▼ -2.01	+16.3
57 GATX	3,803	108.06	▼ -4.97	+11.5
58 Envestnet Inc	3,669	66.32	▼ -.28	-11.5
59 Kemper Corp	3,426	53.64	▼ -2.17	-13.6
60 John Bean Technol	3,149	98.85	▼ -2.90	-32.5
61 Federal Signal	3,084	50.87	▼ -.04	+24.8
62 Equity Commonwlth	2,788	25.48	▼ -.10	+.3
63 Hub Group Inc	2,711	83.04	▲ +1.26	+2.8
64 TreeHouse Foods	2,619	46.70	▼ -2.89	+10.8
65 Fst Midw Bcp	2,455	21.51	▬ ...	
66 Stepan Co	2,409	108.42	▼ -5.00	-6.1
67 Veradigm Inc	2,021	18.50	▼ -.72	+7.4
68 Gogo Inc	1,998	15.70	▼ -.45	+21.9
69 Addus HomeCare	1,765	109.58	▲ +5.16	+35.0
70 Tootsie Roll	1,741	43.22	▼ -1.86	+28.6
71 Adtalem Global Educ	1,709	37.66	▲ +.34	+28.4
72 Knowles Corp	1,667	18.34	▲ +.84	-19.5
73 AAR Corp	1,660	48.20	▼ -1.05	+16.1
74 Methode Electronics	1,653	45.82	▼ -1.15	+.4
75 MYR Group	1,615	97.34	▼ -3.55	+3.4
76 Horace Mann	1,509	36.92	▼ -1.00	+2.2
77 Huron Consulting Gp	1,370	68.77	▼ -3.82	+50.7
78 First Busey Corp	1,327	24.03	▼ -.94	-13.4
79 Teleph Data	1,295	12.20	▲ +.77	-37.6
80 Enova Intl Inc	1,288	40.96	▼ -.21	-2.8
81 Ryerson Holding	1,249	33.76	▲ +.64	+37.8
82 US Cellular	1,204	23.06	▲ +.77	-27.3
83 Coeur Mining	1,171	4.17	▲ +.37	-25.9
84 Titan Intl	1,022	16.27	▼ -.85	+54.9
85 Century Aluminum	971	10.64	▲ +.63	-40.9
86 Heritage-Crystal Cln	895	37.06	▲ +1.99	+18.2
87 QCR Holdings Inc	841	49.84	▼ -.56	-18.6
88 SunCoke Energy Inc	773	9.27	▲ +.17	+24.1
89 Distribution Solu Gr	765	39.46	▲ +.11	-23.2
90 ANI Pharma	733	42.02	▼ -1.93	+.6
91 SP Plus Corp	721	35.80	▼ -1.20	+27.0
92 Sanfilipo John	702	78.69	▼ -6.39	-5.6
93 Old Second Bcp	680	15.27	▼ -1.22	+13.5
94 Fst Mid Bancshares	653	31.94	▼ -1.04	-24.5
95 Heidrick & Struggles	584	29.41	▲ +.12	-30.9
96 Acco Brands Corp	574	6.10	▼ -.09	-24.9
97 OneSpan Inc	527	13.29	▲ +.49	-20.2
98 Consolidated Commun	478	4.15	▼ -.35	-41.2
99 Great Lakes Dredge	443	6.70	▲ +.30	-53.1
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SUCCESS

When self-doubt can be a good thing

By Stephanie Vozza
Fast Company

Have you ever been wrong? While it's not always fun to admit, we've all made mistakes or believed false information. Our brains have an overconfidence bias, which can be troublesome at times.

"A little self-doubt goes a long way," says Nika Kabiri, Ph.D., senior director of decision science at the legal tech company Clio. "I don't mean that we should doubt our capabilities or our ability to make good decisions. It's more about doubting what we know and the information that we have."

Kabiri says the reason it's important to doubt our information is because our brains are wired to be hyperefficient. "They take up about 2% of our body mass and 20% of our fuel," she says. "If they weren't efficient, we couldn't function."

To conserve energy, the brain jumps to conclusions and uses prediction and simulation. Because it's a natural inclination, we don't realize that we are relying on imperfect information when we're making decisions, Kabiri says.

"We're biased to believe that we know more than we actually do," she says. "We're also social creatures and are very much influenced by those who are around us. We often make decisions based on what other people are thinking or doing."

In pre-industrialized, premodern eras, Kabiri says, making decisions based on others could be helpful because we lived in tight-knit clans and family groups with similar interests and needs. "But in the modern world, we're so heterogeneous," she says. "It's common to get swept away by people around you who are different [and] who don't have the same interests as you do."

How to introduce self-doubt

Adopting a growth mindset where you're constantly learning can inject self-doubt when it's needed. The brain relies on information that's easiest to get, which is usually what's already on your mind or in front of you.

Instead, strive to become more open-minded, constantly wondering, "Do I really know it all? Isn't there more to know?" suggests Kabiri.

"Curiosity should be part of your DNA," she says. "It enables what neuroscientists call 'brain plasticity,' allowing the brain to reformulate or recalibrate what it knows to see the real world for what it is and get the information that it really needs."

Think objectively

It can be uncomfortable questioning ourselves. Kabiri says looking at a situation from someone else's point of view can help.

"Ask yourself, 'What would someone in this situation need to know to make this decision?' " she says. "Due to our overconfidence bias, we don't need to research more. Asking what someone else would need to know depersonalizes it, removing your ego and opening you up to new information."

Start listing out what you need to know. Then align that information with what you already know, looking for gaps where research is needed.

We all want to feel confident in our decisions, believing that we made the right choice, Kabiri says, but the truth is that confidence is a feeling and not a real state, and self-doubt can be a good tool.

Slow down decisions

Our culture also needs to get comfortable bucking norms around decisiveness. For example, in the United States, a confident leader in a business is often thought of as someone who comes in and says, "This is what my gut is telling me. This is what I know. And this is what we're going to do," Kabiri says.

"Not all cultures behave that way," she says. "In Japan, for instance, decision making is much more drawn out. The leader relies on consensus among their team much more. There's no necessity for quick decisiveness as a trait for becoming a good leader."

Confidence is an emotion that is very much at the whim of all sorts of things. What matters is how well you're performing each of the steps of the process, and making sure that you fill the gaps, Kabiri says

"Self-doubt that is about learning, growing [and] staying open takes courage and helps you admit that you need to learn something," she says.

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Chat it up:

Even casual interview conversations require some prep work

Dreamstime

Interview small talk can be tedious, time-consuming and disingenuous but that doesn't mean it isn't important. You're trying to find some commonality with your interviewer, a connection with the person who will have a direct hand in hiring you, moving you on to the next level or taking your name off the second-interview list. In some cases, you can do a little research beforehand and learn about your interviewer's interests. Or maybe you can find a nugget of information that straddles the line between that person's business role and pop culture that makes for good banter. In most cases, however, you'll be interviewing with an unknown entity, leaving you little knowledge of what that person likes or dislikes, so it's best to have an idea of what you might want to cover.

If you are trying to put together a list of things to talk about, keep in mind that it's just as important to consider things not to talk about. With those parameters in mind, here's a list of some do's and don'ts concerning small talk during a job interview:

- **Do talk about the obvious.** People downplay chit-chat about the weather and sports but it's low-hanging fruit when looking for a topic for conversation. If you have an amusing rain-related anecdote about your commute that morning, go ahead and share. It may lead to a brief, casual discussion about driving in the rain.
- **Don't talk about politics.** Even if you learn that your potential hiring manager is passionate about a political cause or candidate, it is best to keep those feelings to yourself. Unless it pertains directly to the job, any political leanings shouldn't be obvious to your interviewer.
- **Do mention something about the setting.** Mentioning the history of the building may score a few points. Or maybe you can bring up the company's obvious dedication to plants, given the small greenhouse in the lobby, or the selection of original works of art on its walls. If it's applicable, mention something pertaining to the decor of your interviewer's office. Whatever you decide, mentioning something about the physical location or office space within the building is almost equivalent to the friendly things people might say about your home upon their first visit. Think about that neighbor who mentioned how much she loves your couch when she first stopped in to introduce herself, despite the fact that everyone else in your home hates the couch. Even the people who sold you that couch hate that couch. But your couch-appreciating neighbor? Friend for life.
- **Don't get too personal.** If you see a photo on your interviewer's desk of her and her family, don't mention the fact that you have two daughters as well unless your interviewer brings it up. While it may be appropriate small talk in other scenarios, HR specialists tell me they find it a little off-putting when job candidates make assumptions based on photos in their office. An HR friend said she actually puts all her office photos away before she interviews candidates because job candidates often assumed her nieces were her daughters, and it just made for some awkward moments before the interview even started.
- **Do keep it short.** You need to realize when your interviewer has given a closed-ended answer, signaling that he wants to move on to the meat of the interview. If you find that you have something like marathon training in common, you can mention it and get a response, but then let it go. Keep in mind that your interviewer is there to find an appropriate candidate for the job, not a new training partner.
- **Don't lie.** Sometimes it's easy to get carried away when you're making small talk and say things that just aren't true. You may think you're making a connection by telling the obvious 49ers fan that you have season tickets but unless you're ready to cash in that chip if you get hired, it's best to stick with the truth. The same goes for trips and various experiences. If there's a photo of your interviewer climbing Mont Blanc — and you purposely take the inside seat on the train because you hate looking out the window when the tracks are elevated — resist the urge to say "Hey, I climbed Mont Blanc, too!"
- **Do talk about restaurants.** When I asked what subjects HR professionals enjoy chatting about before the real interview kicks in, many of them said they like talking about the restaurants that are near the office. People casually bring up a restaurant nearby or on the first floor of the building and the next thing you know, there's a quick conversation about what's good or not so good about the mentioned restaurant, and maybe an ensuing discussion about other restaurants or food in general. When an interviewer says something like "I'll check out that Ethiopian place you mentioned" when the interviewer's over, there's a good chance you've given them something to remember about you. And in this era of Instagrammed meals and Yelp reviews, restaurants seem to be displacing weather and sports teams as the pre-interview conversation of choice.

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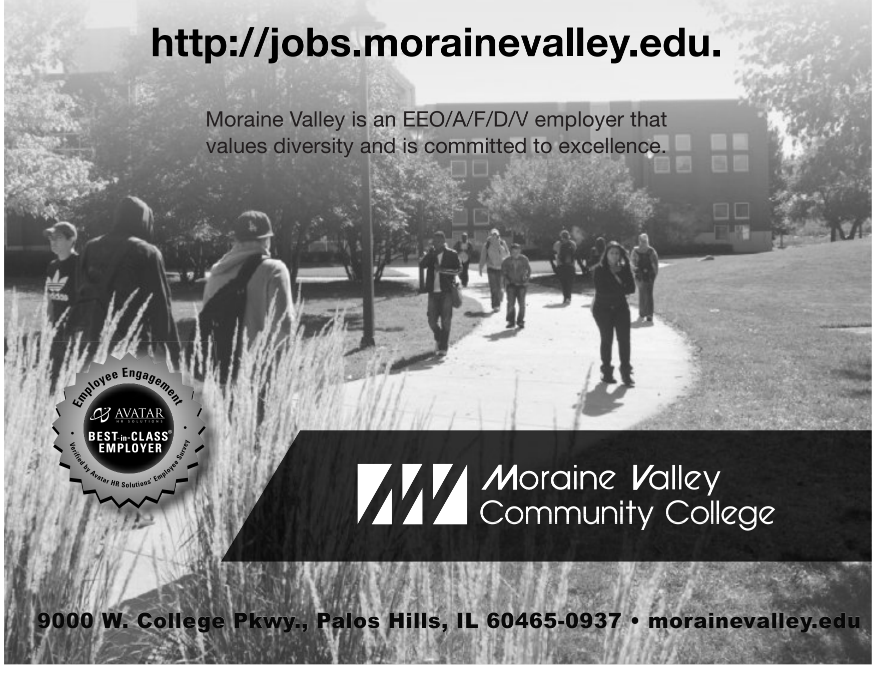

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Financial Advisor, Strategy and Transactions

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Investment Banking Associate

Chicago, IL | Apply Online or Email

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Sr. Manager, Quantitative Risk Analytics

Chicago, IL | Apply online or by mail

CIBC BANK USA - seeks a Sr. Manager, Quantitative Risk Analytics to perform credit loss forecasting and operational risk modeling for commercial, commercial real estate, and retail portfolios. Design and develop analytical tools and forecasting models for expected loss measures like probability of default, loss given default and exposure at default. Lead the automation and integration of stress testing models with risk infrastructure and authorized data sources. Perform review and analysis of capital stress testing models and present recommendations based on quantitative analysis. Position requires a Master's degree in Economics, Statistics, Financial Engineering, Operational Research, Mathematical/Physical sciences, or a related quantitative field, and 5 years of experience building statistical models using Statistical and Machine Learning techniques to inform business decisions. Experience must include a minimum of: 5 years of experience with using advanced statistical modeling techniques, including regression, transition matrix for capital stress testing and portfolio stress testing purposes; 5 years of experience with developing analytical techniques using Python, R, SAS, SQL, and/or VBA; 3 years of experience with data quality control, developing database reports, user interfaces, and normalizing relational data; and 2 year of experience applying banking regulations used in Comprehensive Capital Adequacy Analysis (CCAR), Dodd Frank Act Stress Test (DFAST) and Current Expected Credit Losses (CECL). Job location: Chicago, IL. To apply, please visit https://www.cibc.com/en/about-cibc/careers.html, and enter Job Requisition ID 2300315. Alternatively, please send your resume, cover letter, and a copy of the ad to: CIBC, Attn.: H. Lazzaro, 425 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017.
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.Net Full Stack Developer

Chicago, IL | Apply by email or online

AON CONSULTING, INC. - .Net Full Stack Developer sought by Aon Consulting, Inc., an Aon Corporation company, based out of headquarters in Chicago, IL to dvlp s/ware solutions. May work from home 5 days/wk. Reqs a Master's deg in Comp Sci, Comp Engg, or a rltd field + 2 yrs (or Bach deg + 5 progressive yrs) of s/ware dvlpmt exp. Must have at least 2 yrs of exp in each of the following: Dsgng, dvlpg, and implmtg s/ware solutions across the full dvlpmt stack (front-end, middle-tier, & back-end); Dvlpg & bldg code for web & cloud applications in an Agile work envrmt; Conducting root cause analysis & resolution of s/ware application bug fixes in production & test envrmts; Participating in formal code reviews to ensure that technical stds are being met; Bldg & maintaining cascading style sheets (CSS); Utilizing SQL Server (incl stored procedures, queries, views, & triggers), JavaScript, TFS or Git, NUnit, & AJAX; & Prgmg using C# & .NET. Will accept any suitable combo of education, training, or exp. All positions req an applicant who has accepted an offer to undergo a background check. Candidates must send resume to aonresumes@aon.com & cite requisition number 00678 or apply at
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Application Engineer

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DFS CORPORATE SERVICES LLC - seeks Application Engineer in Riverwoods, IL to oversee dsgn & implementation of products assigned to their team. Req'mts: Bachelor's or foreign equiv in CS, Electronic Eng'g, or rel. field of study & 3 yrs of exp in job offered or rel. occupation: utilizing Java, Angular, React, Redux, Java Script, Spring, Spring Boot Microservices, Spring Cloud, Restful web srvcs, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, JSON, Rest APIs, & Oracle SQL to dvlp apps; utilizing tools in Microservices cloud architecture apps using Spring Boot, Spring Cloud config, Netflix OSS components (Zuul API Gateway & Hystrix), Pivotal Cloud Foundry, Rabbit MQ, & Restful Web Srvcs; finalizing technical architecture for apps, incl analysis, dsgn, dvlpmt & maintenance; working w/ bus. product owners & stakeholders to understand product req'mts to provide recommendations & technology solution reviews; participating in agile Scrum meetings & carrying out sprint work in multiple iterations, demonstrating progress to bus. stakeholders; utilizing cloud platforms, incl Openshift; & performing Continuous Integration & Continuous Delivery using CI/CD tools for dvlpmt & deployment of projects in order to meet mrkt req'mts. Telecommuting &/or working from home may be permissible pursuant to company policies. Pls apply directly through our website at https://jobs.discover.com for Job ID R24358 by clicking on "Apply Now." EOE/D/V.

Application Engineer

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

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Application Engineer

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DFS CORPORATE SERVICES LLC - seeks Application Engineer in Riverwoods, IL to oversee dsgn & implementation of products assigned to team. Req'mts: Bachelor's or foreign equiv in CS, Applied CS, or rel. field of study & 3 yrs of exp in job offered or rel. occupation: prog'g using Java; working w/ Test Driven Dvlpmt (TDD) & Behavior Driven Dvlpmt (BDD); creating & executing Test automation scripts; removing technical blockers leveraging defect identification & resolution processes; & interfacing w/ customers & internal partners to provide status updates, drive delivery dates, & remove blockers. Telecommuting &/or working from home may be permissible pursuant to company policies. Pls apply directly through our website at https://jobs.discover.com for Job ID R24371 by clicking on "Apply Now." EOE/D/V.

Application Engineer

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DFS CORPORATE SERVICES LLC - seeks Application Engineer in Riverwoods, IL to oversee design and implementation of products assigned to the team. Requirements: Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Computer Science, Information Technology, or a related field and 3 years of experience: identifying process improvements and design automation flows utilizing Software Development Life Cycle principles; designing automation flows utilizing Continuous Integration Continuous Delivery principles; designing and implementing automation flows utilizing GitHub, Jenkins, and Nexus; implementing automation pipelines utilizing Java; programming Gradle, Groovy, and shell scripting to implement automation pipelines; and utilizing Cucumber and JMeter frameworks to implement build steps and build step integration. Telecommuting and/or working from home may be permissible pursuant to company policies. Please apply directly through our website at
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Application Engineer

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DFS CORPORATE SERVICES LLC - seeks Application Engineer in Riverwoods, IL to oversee dsgn & implementation of products assigned to team. Req'mts: Bachelor's or foreign equiv in CS, IT, or rel. field & 3 yrs of exp in job offered or rel. occupation: functioning as part of agile eng'g or dvlpmt team; utilizing JavaScript to write clean & concise code; dvlping in customer facing syst. w/ best practices around secure coding & vulnerability detection & remediation; utilizing Java Spring Boot API dvlpmt for client apps; implementing mobile-first responsive web dvlpmt technologies, incl CSS & HTML; & utilizing CI/CD pipelines using Jenkins, GitHub, & Nexus Artifactory. Telecommuting &/or working from home is permissible pursuant to company policies. Pls apply directly through our website at https://jobs.discover.com for Job ID R24361 by clicking on "Apply Now." EOE/D/V.

Application Engineer

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DFS CORPORATE SERVICES LLC - seeks Application Engineer in Riverwoods, IL to oversee design & implementation of products assigned to team. Req'mts: Bachelor's or equiv in CS, Comp Eng'g, or rel field & 3 yrs exp: breaking down complex req'mts into workable technl solutions; working w/ cross functional IT teams to complete project activities; performing technl design & ensuring it meets architectural & design standards; performing app dvlpmt, testing, & implementation of softw solutions; analyzing & identifying technl areas of improvement w/i web apps; & utilizing Java, Spring Boot, GitHub, Jenkins, & Pivotal Cloud Foundry. Telecommute &/or work from home permissible pursuant to co. policies. Pls apply thru https://jobs.discover.com for Job ID R24410 by clicking on "Apply Now." EOE/D/V.

Application Engineer

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DFS CORPORATE SERVICES LLC - seeks Application Engineer in Riverwoods, IL to oversee dsgn & implementation of products assigned to team. Req'mnts: Bachelor's or equiv in CS, Electronic Eng'g, or rel. field & 3 yrs of exp: building & maintaining data mgmt & synthetic test data generation solutions efficiently on mainframe & distributed platforms; anlyzg existing systs/procedures for any bottlenecks & recommending for improvements, dsgn'g end-to-end solution; utilizing security controls thruout softw dvlpmnt lifecycle while maintaining awareness of industry security standards, incl PCI DSS; applying security eng'g principles in dsgns & solutions; automating manual processes for any existing tools & operations w/in environments; utilizing languages, tools, & tech thruout SDLC, incl Test data tools, incl IBM Optim, GenRocket, & mainframe/distributed tech that enable automation, incl Rexx & Shell Scripting; & utilizing Agile methodologies. Telecommuting &/or working from home may be permissible pursuant to company policies. Pls apply directly through website at
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Application Engineer

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DFS CORPORATE SERVICES LLC - seeks Application Engineer in Riverwoods, IL to oversee dsgn & implementation of products assigned to team. Req'mnts: Bachelor's or equiv in CS, Computer Eng'g, IT, or rel. field & 3 yrs of exp: dvlpng RESTful web services using Java; utilizing tech, incl SpringBoot, Spring Security, & Spring Cloud; implementing web services security; utilizing tech, incl SOAP Services, Hibernate, & SQL; utilizing cloud tech, incl Pivotal Cloud Foundry (PCF), AWS, & Jenkins CI/CD pipelines; & implementing monitoring & logging tools, incl AppDynamics, Kibana, & Splunk. Telecommuting &/or working from home may be permissible pursuant to company policy. Pls apply directly through website at
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Associate Actuary

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Associate Actuary

Chicago, IL | Apply by Mail or Email

MILLIMAN, INC. - Associate Actuary, Chicago, IL: Analyze statistical data, such as mortality, accident, sickness, disability, and retirement rates and construct probability tables to forecast risk and liability for payment of future benefits. Develop variable annuity (VA) products through actuarial modeling and develop hedging strategies to hedge market risk for VA products. Conduct mathematical and statistical analysis for risk mgmt. for insurance companies. Analyze statistical data, model asset and liability in-force, calculate reserve, and GAAP valuation for life insurance estimations. Analyze mortality, accident, sickness, disability, retirement rates to construct probability tables. Support the development of valuation models for US statutory and GAAP LDTI reporting using Integrate and MG-ALFA. Require a Bachelor's Degree in Actuarial Science, or Statistics, or Mathematics/Applied Science, or Business Administration with Actuarial Science major, or foreign equivalent. Permanent U.S. work auth. required. Resumes to: Milliman, Inc. 71 S. Wacker Dr., 31st Flr., Chicago, IL 60606. Or by email to: ChicagoHR@milliman.com. Attn.: GF-MACM

Associate Director, Client Analytics

Chicago, IL | Apply by Email

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humanresources@evolenthealth.com. No calls. EOE

Business Operations Manager (multiple openings)

Evanston, IL | Apply by Email

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Client Rep/Data Analyst

Rockville, MD | Apply by Email

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Consultant, Technology Consulting - Cyber Security

Chicago, IL | Apply Online

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Cyber Director

Chicago, IL | Apply by email or online

GOTHAM DIGITAL SCIENCE, LLC - Cyber Director sought by Gotham Digital Science, LLC, an Aon Corporation company, based out of headquarters in Chicago, IL to perform cybersecurity analysis & mgmt. Manage direct reports. May work from home 5 days/wk. Reqs a Master's deg in Comp Info Systems, Engg, or a rltd field + 2 yrs (or Bach deg + 5 progressive yrs) of cybersecurity analysis exp. Must have at least 2 yrs of exp in each of the following: Serving as the subject matter expert for application security activities incl threat analysis, secure code analysis, dynamic application security testing, API security, & mobile application security; Understanding & defining penetration testing needs for web applications, external & internal n/work infrastructures, & automated tools; Conducting analysis of application layer assessment tools, incl Burp Suite & fuzzers/proxies, & n/work layer assessment tools, incl nmap & Nessus; Utilizing knowl of Unix, Windows, & n/working to conduct penetration testing; Managing the technical delivery of engagements across disciplines incl web application, security code review, mobile security, external/internal n/work security, social engg, & red team engagements; Providing quality assurance & technical review of client deliverables & internal documentation; & Managing direct reports. Will accept any suitable combo of education, training, or exp. All positions req an applicant who has accepted an offer to undergo a background check. Candidates must send resume to aonresumes@aon.com & cite requisition number 00671 or apply at jobs.aon.com

Digital Analytics Developer

Chicago, IL | Apply by Email

SYNCHRONY BANK - Review lrg datasets srcd from batch, real-time feeds, variety of user interactions w/ mobile apps & internal transactions. Req Bach's deg or foreign equiv deg in Comp Sci, Info Tech, Engg or rel tech discipline + 5 yrs rel work exp. To apply, email resume to HR Manager referencing job code IL0064 in subject line to: kristine.mackey@syf.com.

Divisional Director

Libertyville, IL | Apply by Mail

ORION PROJECT SERVICES - Responsible for the strategy, management and overall operational leadership of the Life Science brand across North America. Apply w/resume to: Ross MacKay, Orion Project Services, 1300 W. Sam Houston Pkwy. S., Ste. 215, Houston, TX 77042. No relo. available. No 3rd party responses. EOE.

DMS Improvement Coach

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DFS CORPORATE SERVICES LLC - seeks DMS Improvement Coach in Riverwoods, IL, to enable & deliver chartered targeted improvements that deliver bus. impact w/ measurable outcomes. Req'mts: Bachelor's or foreign equiv in Bus. Admin, Eng'g (any), or rel. field of study & 4 yrs of exp in job offered or rel. occupation: performing Six Sigma black belt math analysis to generate variable metric reports w/ automation; utilizing data to assess process flow to perform controls, monitoring, failure modes, & data mining; manufacturing lean improvement exp & process flows; performing capacity planning & supporting change mgmt & transformation from value stream to product methodology; supporting continuous improvement using Six Sigma methodology w/ variation reports & monitoring; utilizing product lifecycle mgmt; utilizing data analysis & visualization tools, incl Obeya & online visualization tools, incl Blue Works Live, Miro, & Power BI; & leading large, complex, cross-functional program teams w/ external partners to prepare for production ramp &/or product transitions. Telecommuting &/or working from home is permissible pursuant to company policies. Pls apply directly through our website at https://jobs.discover.com for Job ID R24204 by clicking on "Apply Now." EOE/D/V.

Infrastructure Engineer

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DFS CORPORATE SERVICES LLC - seeks Infrastructure Engineer in Riverwoods, IL to work on holistic eng'g deliverables across different stages of product lifecycle & determine technology patterns for & overall solution. Req'mts: Bachelor's or foreign equiv in CS, Info & Communication Technology, Electronic Eng'g, Telecommunications Technology, or rel. field & 3 yrs of exp in job offered or rel. occupation: operating & navigating SAN & NAS, & monitoring ECS, NetApp, & Ansible technologies; utilizing security controls, having ability to operate role-based access control, account mgmt, & password mgmt; using solutions dsgn & implementation concepts; incorporating eng'g principles, patterns, & methodologies; working w/ storage eng'g srvcs & components; performing analysis of new product functionality & its impact on storage eng'g srvcs or components; identifying automation & self-srvc opportunities for storage eng'g product area; executing user stories w/ different contexts; & utilizing open/inner source code in eng'g. In alternative, employer will accept Master's or foreign equiv in one of above-listed fields & 1 yr of exp in above listed skills. Telecommuting &/or working from home may be permissible pursuant to company policies. Pls apply directly through our website at https://jobs.discover.com for Job ID R24236 by clicking on "Apply Now." EOE/D/V.

Lead Data Science Analyst

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DISCOVER PRODUCTS INC. - seeks Lead Data Science Analyst in Riverwoods, IL to work closely w/ mgmt. to execute analytical initiatives. Req'mts: Bachelor's or foreign equiv in Bus. Analytics, Info Mgmt, Stats, Math, Electrical Eng'g, or rel quantitative field & 4 yrs exp in job offered or rel occupation: utilizing stat methods, techniques, formulas, & tests to build call volume forecasting solutions; writing algorithms to enable data processing & diagnosis; utilizing stats, multi-variable calculus, & linear algebra techniques, incl time series forecasting models such as ARIMA, ARIMAX, & Prophet; & performing data pre-processing & ad hoc analysis, tracking metric performance on dashboards, & building machine learning models using cloud-based Tableau & Python environ. In alternative, employer will accept Master's or foreign equiv in 1 of above listed fields & 2 yrs exp in above listed skills. Telecommute &/or work from home permissible pursuant to co. policies. Pls apply thru https://jobs.discover.com for Job ID R24397 by clicking on "Apply Now." EOE/D/V.

Lead DMS Improvement Analyst

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DFS CORPORATE SERVICES LLC - seeks Lead DMS Improvement Analyst in Riverwoods, IL, to deliver chartered targeted improvements that bring bus. impact w/ measurable outcomes. Promote risk-aware culture to ensure efficient & effective risk & compliance mgmt practices by adhering to req'd standards & processes. Req'mts: Bachelor's or foreign equiv in Industrial Eng'g, Mechanical Eng'g, Eng'g Technology, or rel. field & 2 yrs of exp in job offered or rel. occupation: performing data & statistical analysis to identify problems & suggest solutions; working on process improvement projects utilizing Lean, Six Sigma & Green Belt methodologies; dsgning & implementing process improvement & change mgmt programs; utilizing app of Lean principles & tools, incl process mapping, visual mgmt, problem solving methodology, standardized work, seven kinds of waste, Kanban syst's, value stream mapping & error proofing; utilizing project Mgmt skills to lead, manage & facilitate improvement events; managing, building, & enhancing continuous improvement programs; & coaching leaders on daily improvement syst. & lean principles. Telecommuting &/or working from home may be permissible pursuant to company policies. Pls apply directly through our website at https://jobs.discover.com for Job ID R24418 by clicking on "Apply Now." EOE/D/V.

Lead Software Developer

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

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Lead Software Engineer

Chicago, IL | Apply Online

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Lead, SW Full Stack Eng

Chicago, IL | Apply online or by mail

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Manager Business Strategy

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

DISCOVER PRODUCTS INC. - seeks Manager Business Strategy in Riverwoods, IL to manage dvlpmnt, implementation, strategies, & other activities. Req'mnts: Bachelor's or equiv in Bus. Admin, Econ., Stats, Finance, or rel. field & 6 yrs of progressively responsible exp: assessing bus. data to manage complex decision-making using platform specific apps, incl FICO Blaze Advisor & DMP; utilizing programming languages, incl Java & SQL; adhering to best practices of coding standards using Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) rel. to dvlpmnt & deployment; & leading project teams through implementation, incl coaching, mentorship, & technological guidance. In alternative, employer will accept Master's or equiv in 1 of above mentioned fields & 4 yrs of exp in above-listed areas. Telecommuting &/or working from home may be permissible pursuant to company policies. Pls apply directly through our website at https://jobs.discover.com for Job ID R24404 by clicking on "Apply Now." EOE/D/V.

Multiple Openings for Senior Full Stack Developer

Bannockburn, IL | Apply by Email

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tanya.pelli@hertz.com and reference job code GC001141 in subject line.

Principal Application Engineer

Riverwoods, IL | Apply Online

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Principal Application Engineer

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Principal Application Engineer

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Riverwoods, IL | **Apply Online**

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Sr. Associate Application Engineer

Riverwoods, IL | **Apply Online**

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CHICAGO SPORTS

DePaul forward Aneesah Morrow is introduced before a game against Providence on Dec. 28 at Wintrust Arena. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

DEPAUL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Relentless warrior

'I can't be denied if I continue to work': How **Aneesah Morrow** became one of the country's top players

By Shakeia Taylor | Chicago Tribune

Aneesah Morrow is the biggest person in the room without taking up too much space.

The 6-foot-1 forward plays with focus and intensity on the court, but off it she's quiet, reserved yet fully aware of the impact she's having not just at DePaul, but also on women's basketball.

"Aneesah talks about goals," coach Doug Bruno said last month after Morrow surpassed 1,000 career points in a 78-69 win against Providence. "She's got individual goals for every game and individual goals for the season. She's got individual goals for when she graduates from DePaul. But to reach those goals, she has to keep getting better."

Halfway through her sophomore season, Morrow has racked up all kinds of accolades and recognition.

As the national freshman of the year last season, she led the country in rebounding (13.8 per game) and offensive rebounding (5.8) and finished in the top 11 in double-doubles (27, second), steals (89, ninth) and scoring (21.9 points per game, 11th).

She became only the fourth player to record 30 points and 10 rebounds against Connecticut. The other three — Candace Parker, Angel McCoughtry and Jackie Young — were all No. 1 picks in the WNBA draft.

Her standout freshman season put Morrow on opponents' radars, and now she is swarmed by double- and triple-teams.

"That's respect," Morrow told the Tribune. "You have to respect the respect that you're given. They triple-team me in practice as well. I feel like our practices at DePaul are harder than our games."

After going 22-7 and 14-6 in the Big East last season and losing to Dayton in an NCAA Tournament First Four game as a No. 11 seed, the Blue Demons are 11-8 and 4-4 in Big East play in Morrow's second season. Entering Saturday's game against St. John's

Morrow dribbles as Providence guard Janai Crooms defends Dec. 28 at Wintrust Arena.

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Sox fans do have some reasons to be optimistic

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

A White Sox fan walked up to the mic during a session with players at the 2001 SoxFest and posed a simple question to pitcher Kip Wells.

"What are you going to do about those walks?" he asked. "It's driven me to drink."

It was a typical SoxFest moment, and Wells didn't take it personally.

"I know," Wells replied with a sheepish grin. "I'm the one out there walking them."

SoxFest tends to be a little edgier than its counterpart, the Cubs Convention, with blunter questions and some heated back-and-forth between fans and management. When executive vice president Ken Williams was general manager, you could see the steam rising from the top of his head.

Sox fans don't mince words.

Due to reasons unexplained, the organization opted not to hold SoxFest this winter, a decision that has created a tremendous amount of backlash on Twitter and the internet, especially after the Cubs held their convention last weekend.

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Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes is helped by teammates during the second half of Saturday's game in Kansas City, Mo. **JEFF ROBERSON/AP**

DIVISIONAL ROUND

Saturday
Chiefs 27, Jaguars 20
Eagles 38, Giants 7
Sunday
Bengals at Bills, 2 p.m., CBS
Cowboys at 49ers, 5:30 p.m., Fox

NFL PLAYOFFS CHIEFS 27, JAGUARS 20

Leg to stand on

Mahomes fights injury to lead Chiefs to win

Associated Press

Patrick Mahomes pleaded with Chiefs coach Andy Reid to let him stay in the game on Saturday.

He argued with trainers, assistant coaches and anyone else within earshot on the Chiefs sideline to let him play through an injured right ankle.

"I'm not coming out of a playoff game," Mahomes would say later, "unless they take me out."

Well, the Chiefs did, forcing him to get X-rays late in the first half of their divisional game against Jacksonville.

But when they came back negative, and Mahomes proved he could protect himself in the halftime locker room, Reid decided to let his All-Pro quarterback back on the field — and he gamely led them to victory.

Mahomes finished with 195 yards passing and two touchdowns, the second capping a 75-yard drive late in the fourth quarter, and lifted the Chiefs to a 27-20 victory over the Jaguars and a spot in a fifth straight AFC championship game.

Mahomes also vowed to be ready for next week against the winner of Sunday's game between the Bengals and Bills. If the Bengals win, they will be back at Arrowhead Stadium; if the Bills

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Team	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BULLS		ATL 7 p.m. | NBCSCH	@IND 6 p.m. | NBCSCH		@CHA 6:30 p.m. | TNT
BLACKHAWKS	LA 6 p.m. | NBCSCH		@VAN 9 p.m. | NBCSCH		@CAL 8 p.m. | NBCSCH

TOP OF THE SECOND

MEN'S BASKETBALL PROVIDENCE 75, DEPAUL 64

Demons suffer 6th straight road loss

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Providence coach Ed Cooley predicted his team would learn from a 0-2 trip that brought an end to its season-best nine-game winning streak.

He was right.

Noah Locke scored a career-high 29 points, including seven 3-pointers, to help the 22nd-ranked Friars find their footing in a 75-64 win over DePaul on Saturday.

Bryce Hopkins added 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Friars (15-5, 7-2 Big East) improved to 11-0 at Amica Mutual Pavilion. They are 2-2 without point guard Jared Bynum, who missed his fourth consecutive game with a torso injury.

"What our players learned is we are pretty damn good," Cooley said. "Providence College is not here as what they call just happy to be here. We're here to win and we're here to win big."

The Blue Demons (9-11, 3-6) came in fresh off a home upset of over No. 8 Xavier. But they dropped their sixth straight road game and are 0-4 in conference games away from home. Umjoja Gibson had 16 points and five assists for DePaul and Da'Sean Nelson added 13 points.

DePaul pulled within 53-50 with just less than 10 minutes to play. But a 15-8 Friars run, capped by Locke's seventh 3, pushed the lead back to 68-58 with 5:10 left.

"It felt really good. I felt like I was in a good groove," Locke said. "They dialed my number up at the right time. In certain situations like that I feel like I can knock the shots down."

Cooley said they are getting exactly what they hoped from the graduate transfer, who played three years at Florida and one at Louisville.

"He knows exactly why he's here," Cooley said. "He continues to get better. We needed that performance today — a lot of backbreakers. … I like when players are forceful and they want their numbers called."

The Friars finished 10 of 23 from beyond the arc.

The Friars sped out to a 14-2 lead, connecting on four of their first six attempts from 3. The Blue Demons missed nine of their first 10 shots, then ran off a 9-0 run to close the gap.

DePaul got as close as a point late in the half, but the Friars closed with a 12-6 flourish for a 37-30 halftime lead.

DePaul's Caleb Murphy drives against Providence during the first half Saturday in Providence, R.I. **MARK STOCKWELL/AP**

MEN'S BASKETBALL
LOYOLA 67,
ST. BONAVENTURE 55

Ramblers pick up 1st A-10 victory

Associated Press

Tom Welch scored 16 points off the bench to help Loyola defeat St. Bonaventure 67-55 on Saturday at Gentile Arena, giving the Ramblers their first Atlantic 10 Conference victory.

Welch was 4-of-6 shooting and 8 of 10 from the free-throw line for Loyola (7-12, 1-6), which snapped a seven-game losing streak. Jeameril Wilson added 11 points and Jacob Hutson 10.

Loyola joined the Atlantic 10 on July 1, ending an eight-year run in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Chad Venning had 16 points to lead the Bonnies (10-10, 4-3). Barry Evans added seven points and nine rebounds.

The Ramblers took the lead with 7 minutes, 59 seconds remaining in the first half and did not give it up.

Both teams next play Wednesday. Loyola visits Duquesne, while St. Bonaventure hosts Fordham.

Morrow

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at Wintrust Arena, she was averaging 25.2 points (fourth in the country) and 11.9 rebounds (fifth).

Morrow reached 1,000 career points in 43 games — only 12 women in NCAA Division I history have done it faster — and she broke the single-game school scoring record with 45 points last month in an 81-63 victory over Northwestern.

"I have always been confident about sport overall because I feel like I can't be denied if I continue to work," she said. "That's something that you can't take away from me, my work ethic. You can't teach that."

In the midst of basketball stardom, Morrow also balances family, academics and generally growing and maturing as the world around her watches.

Family matters

A hometown kid from Simeon, Morrow chose to stay in Chicago two years ago and play for DePaul even as larger-profile schools came calling. A big reason? She wanted her family nearby.

Morrow's father, Edward, played linebacker at Nebraska, and her mother, Nafeesah, was an all-conference forward for the Cornhuskers basketball team. Her brother, Ed, played basketball at Simeon and went on to play at Nebraska and Marquette. Older sister and former Simeon teammate Nazlah played for Miami Dade junior college before joining Aneesah in Lincoln Park.

"My family is super close," Morrow said. "That's how I was introduced to basketball — being around my mother and my father. My mother was a high school coach and she coached almost all of us. That's one reason why I chose to stay here in the city was to be able to allow them to enjoy my career with me."

The Morrows, according to Aneesah and Nafeesah, are a competitive but fun family. Nafeesah believes the spirit of competition within the family is part of what pushes Aneesah to perform at the highest level.

With her own experience as a high-level student-athlete, Nafeesah is the person Aneesah turns to for not only basketball guidance but also life guidance. Aneesah talks to her mom every day.

"We talk about a lot of stuff," Nafeesah said. "I try to keep it off sports all the time just because you've got to think outside the box. Sometimes this game is more mental than it is physical. And so I used to talk a lot about the mental aspect of just being a great person more than just being a great basketball player.

"She's very strong-minded. If she puts her mind to something, she's going to do it and she's going to go above and beyond what she puts her own expectations to be. So it's kind of like you never really know what you're going to get out of her, but you're going to be happy with the output."

DePaul's Aneesah Morrow attempts a shot as Providence's Olivia Olsen defends at Wintrust Arena on Dec. 28.
TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Morrow, who turns 20 next month, is "really just a baby," her mom says. She's the youngest of the girls in the family and still climbs into her mother's lap. She keeps family and her faith close while trying to remain humble and do the work.

"Aneesah is one of my children who prays a lot," Nafeesah said. "She's always been that way, probably since I noticed that (when she was in) sixth grade. (It) doesn't shock me at all that she would get off to herself and ask God to let her do well there and want to be productive and prosperous and be a great person, all the things you'd go over at home."

With her ultracompetitive family behind her, Morrow bounced back from three knee surgeries before college and has landed in the conversation for national player of the year. After experiencing knee discomfort last summer, Morrow says she can feel herself getting stronger and stronger week after week, and it's showing in her performance.

"I would say I'm super resilient," she said. "I go through a lot on a day-to-day basis. I feel like we always pay attention to what's going on on the court, but it's a lot more to that.

"I guess I carry it well. I just want to be a great person and I try to be positive around everybody. Even if I'm having a bad day or I'm struggling with my academics or something, I'll just always find a way to push through."

One way she does that is by focusing on how she can be a great teammate and uplift those around her.

"I just want to see my teammates become the best players that they possibly can too," Morrow said. "A thing that coaches tell me is great players make their teammates better."

Goals to go

For Morrow, wanting to be great means not only looking for ways she can help her team but also striving to improve — constantly. Despite the awards and records, she is unwilling to accept any one night's performance. She sets goals from game to game based on her performance.

"I would argue with anybody that Michael (Jordan) is the best basketball player I've ever seen on this planet," Bruno said. "And we can have the debate till we're blue in the face about who's better than him or not. But at the same time the man was working very, very hard at the end of his career to get better. He never stopped working to get better.

"I just think that's an important character trait of great and special athletes. They're never satisfied. They obviously are pleased with accomplishments and achievements, but they can never be satisfied."

Morrow isn't satisfied. In addition to studying for classes, she studies film and watches DePaul men's basketball and WNBA games to work on her skills. She has borrowed some of her techniques from WNBA MVP A'ja Wilson of the league champion Las Vegas Aces.

"I'm self-motivated," she said. "I feel like it's something that you can't teach. You can't teach effort, grit, resilience … and it's something that I come in with every day.

"I have set goals on a day-to-day basis. And of course sometimes we fall short. But if you set your expectations high, when you fall short they're still above others. So I know that I have to come in and set goals every day. And I always set a goal to be better than the day before. And if I fall short, sometimes it's still a lot better than my performance the day before."

One of her goals from game to game, outside of things found on the stat sheet, is to remain calm. The outside noise can be a distraction, and Morrow wants to put herself in the best mindset to play with intention and intensity. She prays and listens to artists such as Rod Wave, SZA and Summer Walker to settle herself pregame.

"I know when you're coming to the game, you play with a lot of anxiety about winning or about accomplishing something. And I feel like I have some of my best games when I come in calm. It really depends on my mood. Some days I could be super hyper and other days I could be mellow and calm so it's just trying to find that balance."

As her career has progressed, Morrow says she plays with a chip on her shoulder because of her upbringing on the South Side. She saw things she shouldn't have and has been through a lot, and she wants to set an example that one can stay in Chicago and still make good on their dreams.

While the accolades keep rolling in, Morrow still feels excluded from larger women's basketball conversations.

"Overall I feel like I am in the top tier right now," she said. "And I'm talking about it with my coach: I do feel like I'm kind of overlooked. I feel like numbers don't lie. And at the end of the day, my numbers are not lying."

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Storied Hawaii surf contest returns

One of the world's most prestigious and storied surfing contests is expected to be held Sunday in Hawaii for the first time in seven years. And this year female surfers will be competing alongside the men for the first time in the 39-year history of The Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational. The event — alternatively known simply as The Eddie — is a one-day contest held in Waimea Bay on Oahu's North Shore only when the surf is consistently large enough during the winter big wave surfing season from mid-December through mid-March. The wind, the tides and the direction of the swell also have to be just right. "Large enough" means 20 feet (6 meters) by Hawaii measurements. That's equivalent to about 40 feet (12 meters) when measured by methods used in the rest of the U.S. Before this year, conditions have only aligned for it to be held nine times since the initial competition in 1984. Organizer Clyde Aikau said at a news conference Friday that he was expecting waves to reach 25-30 feet (7.6-9 meters) by Hawaii measurements or 50-60 feet (15-18 meters) on the national scale. "Yes, The Eddie will go on Sunday," he said. This year organizers have invited 40 competitors and 18 alternates from around the world.

Sharpe, Morant have war of words

Hall of Fame football player Shannon Sharpe had a heated courtside conversation with Grizzlies players Ja Morant and Dillon Brooks and Morant's father at the end of the first half Friday night in a nationally televised game against the Lakers. The Fox Sports personality exchanged words with Brooks throughout the first half and then yelled at Morant on the final possession of the second quarter. After the halftime buzzer sounded, Brooks yelled at Sharpe and Sharpe motioned toward Brooks. Morant walked toward Sharpe at his courtside seat before center Steven Adams stepped in front of him. Tee Morant, Ja Morant's father, also got involved in the conversation before security separated everyone. Sharpe, 54, yelled "I bet you won't!" at Tee Morant as security guards tried to break it up. Brooks initially did not want to comment, saying: "You can ask him about that. He's the blogger or whatever he is," before addressing it a little later. Morant and Grizzlies coach Taylor Jenkins refused to discuss the incident after the Lakers rallied for a 122-121 win and snapped Memphis' 11-game winning streak

Reed leaving Bethune-Cookman

Pro Football Hall of Fame safety Ed Reed walked away from Bethune-Cookman in tears Saturday following a 15-minute goodbye in front of players, parents and even Coach Prime. Reed made it clear he wasn't leaving on his own accord. The Ed Reed Foundation announced on social media Saturday that the university declined to ratify Reed's contract and "won't make good on the agreement we had in principle, which had provisions and resources best needed to support the student athletes." The decision came less than a week after Reed ripped the school in a profanity-laced social media post that went viral. He accused Bethune-Cookman of having a dirty campus and failing to clean his office before he arrived. Reed apologized the following day. Reed pointed out some of the good he had already done at Bethune-Cookman, including clearing land for a practice field. He also said no school should have an athletic director who also serves as a head coach, which was a clear shot at Bethune-Cookman AD Reggie Theus, who coaches the men's basketball team. *—AP*

J.J. Wolf celebrates match point during his match against Michael Mmoh at the Australian Open on Saturday at Melbourne Park in Melbourne, Australia. **DANIEL POCKETT/GETTY**

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Making their mark

US men having best run at Australian Open since '04

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — It's been almost two full decades since this many U.S. men reached Week 2 at the Australian Open.

And while that group in 2004 included a couple of Grand Slam champions in Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick, everything is all so new for the quartet there this time: Tommy Paul, who is 25; J.J. Wolf, 24; Sebastian Korda, 22; and Ben Shelton, 20, are all about to make their fourth-round debuts at Melbourne Park. It must feel very much like a chance for a career-defining result for them and other young men still in the bracket.

"I haven't thought about it too much, honestly, because I just have that one-match-at-a-time mentality, but I think it's hard for anyone to look past that. There's been a lot of upsets," the 67th-ranked Wolf, who played college tennis at Ohio State, said after eliminating lucky loser Michael Mmoh 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 in an all-American matchup on Saturday. "But upsets happen for a reason. A lot of people out here are good. It is a real opportunity."

Wolf next plays yet another American, 89th-ranked Shelton, who won the NCAA title for the University of Florida as a sophomore last year, then turned pro. Using his passport to travel outside of the United States for the first time in his life, Shelton extended his stay in his Australian Open debut by defeating 113th-ranked Australian Alexei Popyrin 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Paul, who is ranked 35th, topped Californian Jenson Brooksby by a score of 6-1, 6-4, 6-3. Next for Paul will be 14th-seeded Roberto Bautista Agut, who ended the exhausting run of Andy Murray by beating the three-time major champion 6-1, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-4.

That result, the last of the third round, left Novak Djokovic as the only player among the 16 remaining men who has won a Grand Slam title. Not only that, but the other 15 have participated in a combined total of one major final — No. 3 Stefanos Tsitsipas lost to Djokovic in the 2021 French Open final. This is seen by most as a period of transition in men's tennis, a chance for new faces to make themselves known.

That No. 5 seed Andrey Rublev, a 25-year-old from Russia, and No. 9 seed Holger Rune, a 19-year-old from Denmark, would still be in the bracket, and are set up to face each other for a quarterfinal berth on Monday, should come as a surprise to no one.

Still, neither has been past the final eight at any Grand Slam tournament. Nor has No. 22 Alex de Minaur, a 23-year-old from Australia, who advanced Saturday and now gets the unenviable task of meeting 21-time Slam champion Djokovic. Nine of those titles came at Melbourne Park, and Djokovic has now won 24 consecutive matches there after topping No. 27 Grigor Dimitrov 7-6 (7), 6-3, 6-4 at night despite some more signs of trouble from his left hamstring.

"It kind of always starts well in last few matches, including this one, and then some movement happens and then it gets worse," said Djokovic, who got his leg massaged by a trainer during some changeovers Saturday. "Yeah, pills kick in. Some hot cream and stuff. That works for a little bit, then it doesn't, then works again. It's really a roller coaster, honestly."

An intriguing fourth-round matchup on the women's side was established with No. 5 Aryna Sabalenka to take on No. 12 Belinda Bencic. Sabalenka is now 7-0 in 2023 after beating Elise Mertens 6-2, 6-3, and Bencic stretched her winning streak to eight matches by defeating Camila Giorgi 6-2, 7-5.

Other women's Week 2 matchups: No. 4 seed Caroline Garcia vs. unseeded Magda Linette — who had been 0-6 in the third round at majors until beating No. 19 Ekaterina Alexandrova 6-3, 6-4 on Saturday night — two-time major finalist Karolina Pliskova vs. No. 23 Zhang Shuai, and Donna Vekic vs. 17-year-old Linda Fruhvirtova.

BASKETBALL

Wembanyama is rising above it all

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

PARIS — It was a maze of people, all crammed into about a three-foot-wide space separating the courtside seats at Accor Arena in Paris from the playing floor. Everyone wanted pretty much the same thing, a look at a French teenager who is the talk of the basketball world. They held up their phones for pictures as he walked down the sideline, outstretched their hands for greetings, most of them talking or shouting at once.

Victor Wembanyama looks on prior to the NBA game Thursday in Paris. **DEAN MOUHTAROPOULOS/GETTY**

Victor Wembanyama seemed unfazed.

His 7-foot-3 frame just glided through the group with ease as he looked over the top of everyone and made his way to his seat. He found his chair, sat down, surveyed the scene for a moment and kept chatting with his family, almost oblivious to the spectacle that was happening around him, smiling and laughing and enjoying it all.

This is life now for the 19-year-old, the best player in France, the presumed No. 1 pick in the NBA draft later this year, the leading scorer and rebounder in his homeland's top pro league, the All-Star Game MVP of that league, someone a few months away from signing a rookie NBA contract that will pay him more than $50 million over his first four seasons and landing endorsement deals that may make his basketball paychecks seem like pocket change.

"Victor," Pistons guard and fellow French player Killian Hayes said, "is a gold nugget."

Wembanyama's averages of 21.4 points, 9.4 rebounds and 3.2 blocks per game all lead the French league. His team, Metropolitans 92 of Boulogne-Levallois, is 14-4 and sitting in second place about halfway through the season. Everywhere he goes, the arenas are jammed, to the point where his club has moved a home game in May from its own 4,000-seat court to the Accor Arena where the Pistons and Bulls played before a crowd of 15,885 on Thursday night with Wembanyama there as a fan.

"You know me," Wembanyama said. "As long as we're winning, I'm happy."

He truly tries to keep it that simple. The people around him — his basketball team, his agents and advisors, and his family — are trying to do whatever they can to allow Wembanyama to enjoy his season. Interviews aren't part of his daily routine right now, even though the media requests from all over the globe are a constant and will only ramp up as the NBA draft lottery, combine and draft near.

Yet his drawing power is unmistakable. Case in point: At the game Thursday, Wembanyama wasn't seeking out stars. Stars who were there — Formula One drivers, former NBA players, even Magic Johnson — sought him out.

"I had the chance to meet and talk to the best player in the world and this year's number one pick in the NBA draft Victor Wembanyama!" Johnson tweeted, adding a couple of photos that showed his 6-foot-9 self just being overshadowed by the towering teen.

Officially, NBA teams can't talk about Wembanyama yet, since he's just a draft prospect. There hasn't been a draft with such a small amount of mystery surrounding the No. 1 pick since LeBron James entered the league in 2003. The question isn't who goes No. 1, but who picks No. 1.

The draft is June 22, and NBA Commissioner Adam Silver will come onto the stage, say a brief welcome, then announce which team has the No. 1 pick and how it has five minutes to make its selection. He shook Wembanyama's hand for the first time Thursday night in a private hello; he'll shake it again with the world watching when he announces the No. 1 draft pick, too. Until that night comes, Silver is trying to not do anything that will add to the pressure Wembanyama is, or soon will be, facing.

"Everything I hear has been enormously positive," Silver said in Paris on Thursday. "Not just about his size, his strength, his agility, his skill on the court, but I'm told he's a wonderful young man and that he's very bright, he's very engaged, humble at the same time.

"I just want to be fair to him," Silver added. "You know, I don't think it should be my role to anoint him as the next great one. I'll let others do that. But I know the league is excited to have him."

There have been no signs that Wembanyama isn't enjoying all the buzz, all the hype. At a road game in Dijon earlier this week, the home team ran out to a quick double-digit lead over Metropolitans 92 and a sellout crowd was screaming and stomping. Wembanyama didn't react much; he went to the bench for a break, cheered on teammates as they trimmed the deficit, then returned to the floor and made three 3-pointers in a relatively short span to silence the building and help set the tone for what became another win. He just went about his business, just as he did when trying to find his seat Thursday. He'll be the center of attention wherever he goes for a long time, and few have any doubt that he can handle what comes his way.

"The sky's the limit, for sure," said Joakim Noah, a two-time NBA All-Star from France. "He has a lot of potential. But the journey still has to be written."

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	35	12	.745	—
Philadelphia	29	16	.644	5
Brooklyn	28	17	.622	6
New York	25	22	.532	10
Toronto	20	27	.426	15

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	25	22	.532	—
Atlanta	24	23	.511	1
Washington	20	26	.435	4½
Orlando	17	29	.370	7½
Charlotte	13	34	.277	12

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	29	17	.630	—
Cleveland	29	19	.604	1
Indiana	23	24	.489	6½
Chicago	21	24	.467	7½
Detroit	12	36	.250	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	31	14	.689	—
New Orleans	26	20	.565	5½
Dallas	25	22	.532	7
San Antonio	14	32	.304	17½
Houston	10	36	.217	21 ½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	33	13	.717	—
Minnesota	24	24	.500	10
Utah	24	25	.490	10½
Oklahoma City	22	24	.478	11
Portland	21	24	.467	11½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Sacramento	26	18	.591	—
Golden State	23	23	.500	4
L.A. Clippers	24	24	.500	4
Phoenix	22	24	.478	5
L.A. Lakers	21	25	.457	6

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
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Memphis at Phoenix, 7p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 7p.m.
Brooklyn at Golden State, 7:30p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 8p.m.

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Minnesota at Houston, 7p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 8p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 9p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 9:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Orlando 123, New Orleans 110
Atlanta 139, New York 124
Golden State 120, Cleveland 114
Dallas 115, Miami 90
L.A. Clippers 131, San Antonio 126
Brooklyn 117, Utah 106
Denver 134, Indiana 111
Sacramento 118, Oklahoma City 113
L.A. Lakers 122, Memphis 121

TENNIS

111TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Saturday at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia, hardcourt outdoors

MEN'S SINGLES, THIRD ROUND

#4Novak Djokovic d.
#27Grigor Dimitrov, 7-6(7), 6-3, 6-4.

DIMITROV	Time: 3:07.	DJOKOVIC
15	Aces	9
4	Double faults	2
68%	Win % 1st serve	73%
40%	Win % 2nd serve	42%
219	Fastest serve (km/h)	205
197	1st Serve avg. (km/h)	188
160	2nd serve avg (km/h)	153
53	Winners	28
3	Return winners	1
50	Unforced errors	22
3-8	Break points won	5-12
16-21	Net points won	15-20
37-112	Receiving points won	46-116
105	Total points won	123

#5Andrey Rublev d.
#25Daniel Evans, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
#9Holger Rune d.
Ugo Humbert, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6(5).
#22Alex de Minaur d.
Benjamin Bonzi, 7-6(0), 6-2, 6-1.
#24Roberto Bautista Agut d.
Andy Murray, 6-1, 6-7(7), 6-3, 6-4.
Tommy Paul d.
Jenson Brooksby, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.
Jeffrey John Wolf
d. Michael Mmoh, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.
Ben Shelton d.
Alexei Popyrin, 6-3, 7-6(4), 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, THIRD ROUND

#4Caroline Garcia d.
Laura Siegemund, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.

SIEGEMUND	Time: 2:10.	GARCIA
2	Aces	6
0	Double faults	4
57%	Win % 1st serve	71%
64%	Win % 2nd serve	46%
163	Fastest serve (km/h)	187
151	1st Serve avg. (km/h)	167
138	2nd serve avg (km/h)	142
19	Winners	29
0	Return winners	1
28	Unforced errors	37
3-9	Break points won	4-10
6-12	Net points won	17-28
24-76	Receiving points won	37-89
80	Total points won	85

#5Aryna Sabalenka d.
#26Elise Mertens, 6-2, 6-3.
#12Belinda Bencic d.
Camila Giorgi, 6-2, 7-5.
#23Zhang Shuai d.
Katie Volynets, 6-3, 6-2.
#30Karolina Pliskova d.
Varvara Gracheva, 6-4, 6-2.
Donna Vekic d.
Nuria Parrizas Diaz, 6-2, 6-2.
Linda Fruhvirtova d.
Marketa Vondrousova, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.
Magda Linette, d.
#19Ekaterina Alexandrova, 6-3, 6-4.

EARLY SUNDAY RESULTS

ODDS

NFL PLAYOFFS			SUNDAY
FAVORITE	NOW	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Buffalo	5½	(48½)	Cincinnati
at San Francisco	3½	(46½)	Dallas

NBA			SUNDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Dallas	2	(Off)	LA Clippers
at Miami	6½	(Off)	New Orleans
at Toronto	2	(Off)	New York
at Phoenix	Off	(Off)	Memphis
at Denver	Off	(Off)	Okla. City
at Golden State	7	(Off)	Brooklyn
at Portland	4	(Off)	LA Lakers

COLLEGE BASKETBALL		SUNDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Cent. Conn. St.	6½	at LIU
at UConn	15½	Butler
at Indiana	3½	Michigan State
at Vermont	13½	NJIT
at Michigan	13½	Minnesota
at Wagner	4½	Sacred Heart
at UMass-Lowell	3½	Bryant
at Cincinnati	2½	Memphis
at Purdue	10½	Maryland
at Quinnipiac	10½	Canisius
at Maine	3½	Binghamton
at Rider	8½	Manhattan
at Saint Peter's	1½	Niagara
at Siena	6½	Fairfield
at Mount St. Mary's	4½	Marist
at Houston	20½	Temple
at SMU	2½	Wichita State
at California	3½	Oregon State
Furman	3½	at Wofford
at Fairleigh Dickinson	5½	Stonehill
at Colorado	5½	Washington State

NHL			SUNDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
at New Jersey	-146	Pittsburgh	+122
Los Angeles	-210	at Chicago	+172
Winnipeg	-164	at Philadelphia	+134
at Boston	-320	San Jose	+255
Vegas	-192	at Arizona	+155

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	45	36	5	4	76	173	96
Toronto	47	28	11	8	64	158	125
Tampa Bay	45	29	15	1	59	163	135
Florida	48	23	20	5	51	163	163
Buffalo	45	23	19	3	49	172	155
Detroit	45	19	18	8	46	138	153
Ottawa	46	20	23	3	43	133	152
Montreal	47	20	24	3	43	125	171

METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Carolina	46	29	9	8	66	151	124
New Jersey	45	29	12	4	62	159	120
N.Y. Rangers	46	25	14	7	57	145	123
Washington	48	25	17	6	56	154	133
Pittsburgh	45	23	15	7	53	147	136
N.Y. Islanders	48	23	20	5	51	141	136
Philadelphia	47	20	20	7	47	130	150
Columbus	46	14	30	2	30	119	180

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Dallas	48	28	13	7	63	167	124
Winnipeg	47	30	16	1	61	155	123
Minnesota	45	25	16	4	54	143	130
Colorado	44	24	17	3	51	139	123
Nashville	46	22	18	6	50	129	136
St. Louis	47	23	21	3	49	149	167
Arizona	46	14	27	5	33	119	169
Chicago	44	14	26	4	32	107	161

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Seattle	45	27	14	4	58	165	142
Vegas	46	28	16	2	58	149	133
Los Angeles	48	25	17	6	56	157	166
Edmonton	47	26	18	3	55	174	155
Calgary	47	22	16	9	53	150	143
Vancouver	45	18	24	3	39	153	182
San Jose	47	14	24	9	37	145	180
Anaheim	47	13	29	5	31	113	199

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Buffalo 6, Anaheim 3
Calgary 6, Tampa Bay 3
Florida 5, Minnesota 3
Columbus 5, San Jose 3
Winnipeg 5, Ottawa 1
Philadelphia 2, Detroit 1
Montreal 3, Toronto 2, OT
Carolina 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Dallas 4, Arizona 0
Chicago 5, St. Louis 3
Nashville 5, Los Angeles 3
Colorado at Seattle, late
Edmonton at Vancouver, late
Washington at Vegas, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 1p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 6p.m.
San Jose at Boston, 6p.m.
Winnipeg at Philadelphia, 6p.m.
Vegas at Arizona, 7p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 6p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 7:30p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 8:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 4, Ottawa 1
Colorado 4, Vancouver 1

GOLF

PGA THE AMERICAN EXPRESS

3rd of 4 rounds, La Quinta, Calif.,a-PGA WEST TPC Stadium Course (Host Course), 7,187 yards; Par 72; b-PGA WEST Nicklaus Tournament Course 7,147 yards; Par 72; c-La Quinta Country Club, 7,060 yards; Par 72

Jon Rahm	64c-64b-65a—193	-23
Davis Thompson	62c-64b-67a—193	-23
Chri. Bezuidenhout	68a-67c-62b—197	-19
J.T. Poston	65b-66a-66c—197	-19
Sam Burns	64a-70c-64b—198	-18
Harry Higgs	70a-66c-62b—198	-18
Tom Kim	69c-62b-67a—198	-18
Taylor Montgomery	64c-69b-65a—198	-18
Sungjae Im	65b-66a-68c—199	-17
Chris Kirk	69c-67b-63a—199	-17
Patton Kizzire	69c-63b-67a—199	-17
Scottie Scheffler	68c-65b-66a—199	-17
Robby Shelton	66a-68c-65b—199	-17
Dylan Wu	69a-69c-61b—199	-17
Sebastian Munoz	71a-67c-62b—200	-16
Jason Day	67b-64a-70c—201	-15
Tony Finau	69c-67b-65a—201	-15
Adam Hadwin	68c-69b-64a—201	-15
Xander Schauffele	65c-68b-68a—201	-15
Matthias Schmid	64a-72c-65b—201	-15
Thomas Detry	69c-66b-67a—202	-14
Tyler Duncan	64b-67a-71c—202	-14
Stephan Jaeger	68a-69c-65b—202	-14
Danny Lee	67a-68c-67b—202	-14
Keith Mitchell	66a-70c-66b—202	-14
Scott Piercy	66c-67b-69a—202	-14
Dean Burmester	65b-71a-67c—203	-13
Harrison Endycott	65a-71c-67b—203	-13
Garrick Higgo	67a-68c-68b—203	-13
Si Woo Kim	70c-64b-69a—203	-13
Andrew Putnam	69a-69c-65b—203	-13
Justin Suh	72c-65b-66a—203	-13
Kevin Tway	67b-67a-69c—203	-13
Erik Van Rooyen	65a-72c-66b—203	-13

HILTON GRAND VACATIONS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

3rd of 4 rounds, Lake Nona Golf & Country Club, Orlando, Fla., 6,608 yards, Par: 72

Brooke Henderson	67-66-69—202	-14
Nasa Hataoka	71-68-66—205	-11
Nelly Korda	68-69-68—205	-11
Charley Hull	69-69-69—207	-9
Maja Stark	71-68-68—207	-9
Moriya Jutanugarn	74-67-69—210	-6
Danielle Kang	71-69-70—210	-6
Gaby Lopez	73-68-69—210	-6
Paula Reto	74-69-67—210	-6
Yuka Saso	70-73-67—210	-6
Ashleigh Buhai	69-75-67—211	-5
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	70-72-69—211	-5
Anna Nordqvist	71-72-68—211	-5
Wei-Ling Hsu	69-69-74—212	-4
Ryann O'Toole	72-70-70—212	-4
Gemma Dryburgh	69-73-71—213	-3
Leona Maguire	71-69-73—213	-3
Celine Boutier	71-73-70—214	-2
Ayaka Furue	71-70-73—214	-2
Pajaree Anannarukarn	71-72-72—215	-1
Matilda Castren	72-70-74—216	E
Ally Ewing	79-70-68—217	+1
Marina Alex	75-74-69—218	+2
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	72-72-74—218	+2
Jennifer Kupcho	73-74-71—218	+2
Andrea Lee	74-71-74—219	+3

LATE FRI: PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CHAMPIONSHIP AT HUALALAI

2nd of 3 rounds, Hualalai GC, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, 7,107 yds; Par 72

Steve Stricker	68-60—128	-16
Alex Cejka	66-64—130	-14
Darren Clarke	65-66—131	-13
Jerry Kelly	69-64—133	-11
Bernhard Langer	67-66—133	-11
Justin Leonard	66-67—133	-11
Ken Tanigawa	68-65—133	-11
Mike Weir	66-67—133	-11
Ernie Els	66-68—134	-10
Kevin Sutherland	65-69—134	-10
Stephen Ames	70-65—135	-9
Steven Alker	69-67—136	-8
Thongchai Jaidee	71-65—136	-8
Michael Allen	67-70—137	-7
Miguel Angel Jimenez	67-70—137	-7
Colin Montgomerie	69-68—137	-7
Corey Pavin	66-71—137	-7
David Toms	70-67—137	-7
K.J. Choi	70-69—139	-5
David Frost	68-71—139	-5
Retief Goosen	68-71—139	-5
Scott McCarron	68-71—139	-5
Scott Parel	69-70—139	-5
Dicky Pride	68-71—139	-5
Vijay Singh	69-70—139	-5

ABU DHABI HSBC CHAMPIONSHIP

3rd of 4 rounds, Yas Links Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 7,425 yards, Par: 72

203 (-13)	
Min Woo Lee	68-69-66
Shane Lowry	67-70-66
Francesco Molinari	67-67-69
204 (-12)	
Grant Forrest	71-68-65
Victor Perez	71-65-68
Sebastian Soderberg	67-71-66
205 (-11)	
Padraig Harrington	68-73-64
Adrian Meronk	70-67-68
Guido Migliozzi	65-69-71
Antoine Rozner	69-68-68

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 Houston (18-1) did not play. **Next:** vs. Temple, Sunday.
No. 2 Kansas (16-3) lost to No. 14TCU 83-60. **Next:** at No. 21Baylor, Monday.
No. 3 Purdue (18-1) did not play. **Next:** vs. Maryland, Sunday.
No. 4 Alabama (17-2) beat Missouri 85-64. **Next:** vs. Mississippi, Wed.
No. 5 UCLA (17-3) lost to No. 11Arizona 58-52. **Next:** at Southen Cal, Thursday.
No. 6 Gonzaga (16-4) at Pacific. **Next:** at Portland, Saturday.
No. 7 Texas (16-3) beat West Virginia 69-61. **Next:** vs. Oklahoma St., Tuesday.
No. 8 Xavier (16-4) beat Georgetown 95-82. **Next:** at No. 15UConn, Wed.
No. 9 Tennessee (16-3) beat LSU 77-56. **Next:** vs. Georgia, Wednesday.
No. 10 Virginia (15-3) beat Wake Forest 76-67. **Next:** vs. Boston College, Sat.
No. 11 Arizona (17-3) beat No. 5UCLA 58-52. **Next:** at Washington St., Thur.
No. 12 Iowa St. (14-4) lost to Oklahoma St. 61-59. **Next:** vs. No. 13Kansas St., Tuesday.
No. 13 Kansas St. (17-2) beat Texas Tech 68-58. **Next:** at No. 12Iowa St, Tue.
No. 14 TCU (15-4) beat No. 2Kansas 83-60. **Next:** vs. Oklahoma, Tuesday.
No. 15 UConn (15-5) did not play. **Next:** vs. Butler, Sunday.
No. 16 Auburn (16-3) beat South Carolina 81-66. **Next:** vs. Texas A&M, Wed.
No. 17 Miami (15-4) lost to Duke 68-66. **Next:** at Florida St., Tuesday.
No. 18 Charleston (21-1) beat Northeastern 87-61. **Next:** vs. Hofstra, Sat.
No. 19 Clemson (16-4) beat Virginia Tech 51-50. **Next:** vs. Georgia Tech, Tue.
No. 20 Marquette (16-5) beat Seton Hall 74-53. **Next:** at DePaul, Saturday.
No. 21 Baylor (13-5) at Oklahoma. **Next:** vs. No. 2Kansas, Monday.
No. 22 Providence (15-5) beat DePaul 75-64. **Next:** vs. Butler, Wednesday.
No. 23 Rutgers (13-6) did not play. **Next:** vs. Penn St. Tuesday.
No. 24 FAU (18-1) at UTEP. **Next:** vs. Middle Tennessee, Thursday.
No. 25 Arkansas (13-6) beat Mississippi 69-57. **Next:** vs. LSU, Tuesday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Boston U. 66, Loyola (Md.) 53
Brown 97, Columbia 85
Colgate 62, American 61
Coll. of Charleston 87, Northeastern 61
Drexel 77, Delaware 74, OT
Florida St. 71, Pittsburgh 64
Fordham 65, Duquesne 58
George Mason 79, Rhode Island 72
George Washington 76, Dayton 69
Hampton 83, Monmouth (NJ) 66
Harvard 95, Cornell 89
Holy Cross 80, Bucknell 73
Howard 88, Morgan St. 56
Marquette 74, Seton Hall 53
Navy 77, Army 71
Norfolk St. 96, Coppin St. 65
Penn St. 76, Nebraska 65
Princeton 93, Dartmouth 90, OT
Providence 75, DePaul 64
Saint Joseph's 74, UMass 68
UMBC 80, New Hampshire 69
UNC-Wilmington 62, Stony Brook 51
Yale 70, Penn 63

SOUTH
Alcorn St. 57, Florida A&M 47
Auburn 81, South Carolina 66
Campbell 78, Charl. Southern 76, OT
Coastal Carolina 85, So. Alabama 81, OT
Duke 68, Miami 66
E. Kentucky 74, Austin Peay 59
ETSU 78, Chattanooga 62
Gardner-Webb 63, Winthrop 61
Georgia Southern 58, Georgia St. 52
Jackson St. 70, Bethune-Cookman 66
Jacksonville 77, Queens (NC) 70
Kentucky 76, Texas A&M 67
Liberty 73, North Florida 62
Lipscomb 69, Bellarmine 49
Md.-Eastern Shore 76, SC State 70
Middle Tennessee 68, Louisiana Tech 51
NC A&T 90, William & Mary 86
NC Central 74, Delaware St. 55
Nicholls 71, McNeese St. 68
North Carolina 80, NC State 69
North Texas 63, UAB 52
Northwestern St. 88, New Orleans 65
Radford 95, High Point 80
SE Louisiana 79, Texas A&M Com. 73
South Florida 85, UCF 72
Southern Miss. 83, James Madison 70
Stetson 87, Jacksonville St. 81
Syracuse 80, Georgia Tech 63
Tennessee 77, LSU 56
The Citadel 60, VMI 52
Towson 66, Elon 62
Troy 77, Louisiana-Monroe 53
UNC-Asheville 64, SC-Upstate 58
UNC-Greensboro 59, Mercer 48
UT Martin 91, E. Illinois 78
Vanderbilt 85, Georgia 82
Virginia 76, Wake Forest 67

MIDWEST
Akron 63, W. Michigan 55
Belmont 78, Bradley 76
Boston College 84, Notre Dame 72
Bowling Green 83, Miami (Ohio) 73
Detroit 89, IUPUI 77
Drake 97, Evansville 61
Kansas St. 68, Texas Tech 58
Loyola Chicago 67, St. Bonaventure 55
Morehead St. 72, Lindenwood (Mo.) 63
N. Illinois 88, E. Michigan 67
N. Iowa 78, Ill.-Chicago 72
Ohio 96, Cent. Michigan 68
Ohio St. 93, Iowa 77
Oral Roberts 84, North Dakota 72
S. Dakota St. 76, Denver 61
S. Illinois 61, Missouri St. 57
S. Indiana 82, SIU-Edwardsville 72
Saint Louis 84, La Salle 71
South Dakota 84, Omaha 68
TCU 83, Kansas 60
UMKC 75, N. Dakota St. 73
Valparaiso 71, Illinois St. 51
W. Illinois 60, St. Thomas (MN) 56
Xavier 95, Georgetown 82

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 69, Mississippi 57
Baylor 62, Oklahoma 60
FIU 77, UTSA 72
Louisiana-Lafayette 60, Texas St. 51
Marshall 87, Arkansas St. 78, OT
Oklahoma St. 61, Iowa St. 59
Sam Houston St. 83, Rio Gr. Valley 64
UALR 89, Tennessee St. 77

WEST
Arizona 58, UCLA 52
Hawaii 67, UC Riverside 63
San Francisco 82, BYU 74
Seattle 81, S. Utah 60
St. Mary's 77, Santa Clara 58
Utah St. 75, San Jose St. 74
Wyoming 58, Colorado St. 57

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 South Carolina (19-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Sunday.
No. 2 Ohio St. (19-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Iowa, Monday.
No. 3 LSU (19-0) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Monday.
No. 4 Stanford (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Colorado, Sunday.
No. 5 UConn (17-2) beat Butler 79-39. Next: vs. DePaul, Monday.
No. 6 Indiana (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Michigan, Monday.
No. 7 Notre Dame (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Sunday.
No. 8 Utah (15-2) did not play. Next: at California, Sunday.
No. 9 UCLA (16-3) did not play. Next: at. Washington St., Sunday.
No. 10 Iowa (15-4) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Ohio St., Monday.
No. 11 Maryland (15-4) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Sunday.
No. 12 Virginia Tech (15-3) did not play. Next: vs Wake Forest, Sunday.
No. 13 Duke (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Sunday.
No. 14 Michigan (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Indiana, Monday.
No. 15 Oklahoma (16-2) beat Oklahoma St. 97-93. Next: at No. 25 Texas, Wed.
No. 16 Gonzaga (12-2) beat Saint Mary's 82-57. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thu.
No. 17 North Carolina (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Sunday.
No. 18 Iowa St. (13-4) beat Kansas 84-50. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
No. 19 Arizona (14-4) did not play. Next: at Arizona St., Sunday.
No. 20 NC State (14-5) did not play. Next: at Louisville, Sunday.
No. 21 Illinois (15-4) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Sunday.
No. 22 Villanova (18-3) did not play. Next: at No. 5 UConn, Sunday, Jan. 29.
No. 23 Oregon (13-6) did not play. Next: at California, Friday.
No. 24 Colorado (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Stanford, Sunday.
No. 25 Texas (13-6) did not play. Next: at Baylor, Sunday.

NFL PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL ROUND

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Kansas City 27, Jacksonville20
Philadelphia 38, N.Y. Giants 7

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Cincinnati (13-4) at
Buffalo (14-3), 2:05 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas (13-5) at
San Francisco (14-4), 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY, JAN. 29
Dallas/San Francisco winner
at Philadelphia (15-3), 2:05p.m. (FOX)
Cincinnati at
Kansas City (15-3), 5:30 p.m.
x-Kansas City (15-3) vs. Buffalo , 5:30 p.m. in Atlanta (CBS)

SUPER BOWL LVII

Sunday, Feb. 12,
State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.
Conference champions, 5:30p.m. (FOX)

KANSAS CITY 27 JACKSONVILLE 20

Jacksonville	7	3	0	10	—	20
Kansas City	7	10	3	7	—	27

First Quarter
KC: Kelce 8pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 7:56.
Jac: Kirk 10pass from Lawrence (Patterson kick), 5:04.
Second Quarter
KC: FG Butker 50, 14:09.
KC: Kelce 1pass from Henne (Butker kick), 3:54.
Jac: FG Patterson 41, :27.
Third Quarter
KC: FG Butker 50, :08.
Fourth Quarter
Jac: Etienne 4run (Patterson kick), 11:49.
KC: Valdes-Scantling 6pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 7:08.
Jac: FG Patterson 48, :25.

TEAM STATS	JAC	KC
First downs	20	23
Total net yards	349	362
Rushes-yards	19-144	30-144
Passing	205	218
Punt returns	3-23	3-23
Kickoff returns	3-131	0-0
Interceptions ret.	0-0	1-1
Comp-att-int	24-39-1	27-37-0
Sacked-yards lost	2-12	0-0
Punts	4-47.75	4-50.75
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	5-40	3-30
Time of possession	24:59	35:01

RUSHING: Jacksonville, Etienne 10-62, Hasty 4-36, Lawrence 3-26, Kirk 1-18, Agnew 1-2. Kansas City, Pacheco 12-95, McKinnon 11-25, Toney 1-14, Mahomes 3-8, Moore 1-3, Gray 1-0, Henne 1-(minus 1).
PASSING: Jacksonville, Lawrence 24-39-1-217. Kansas City, Mahomes 22-30-0-195, Henne 5-7-0-23.
RECEIVING: Jacksonville, Kirk 7-52, Z.Jones 5-83, Engram 5-31, Etienne 3-18, Agnew 2-5, M.Jones 1-21, Hasty 1-7. Kansas City, Kelce 14-98, Toney 5-36, Smith-Schuster 2-29, Gray 1-27, Ju.Watson 1-12, Pacheco 1-6, Valdes-Scantling 1-6, Bell 1-4, Moore 1-0.
PUNT RETURNS: Jacksonville, Agnew 3-23. Kansas City, Toney 3-23.
KICKOFF RETURNS: Jacksonville, Agnew 3-131. Kansas City, None.
INTERCEPTIONS: Jacksonville, None. Kansas City, Ja.Watson 1-1.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: Jacksonville, Jenkins 5-2-0, Herndon 5-0-0, Oluokun 4-10-0, Lloyd 3-5-0, Hamilton 3-2-0, Cisco 3-1-0, Robertson-Harris 2-5-0, Walker 2-1-0, Dari.Williams 2-1-0, Ty.Campbell 2-0-0, Allen 1-2-0, Fatukasi 1-2-0, Peters 1-2-0, Key 1-0-0, Quarterman 1-0-0, Wingard 1-0-0, Chaisson 0-1-0, Gotsis 0-1-0. Kansas City, Bolton 6-4-0, Sneed 6-3-0, Reid 5-1-0, Thornhill 3-2-0, McDuffie 3-1-0, Clark 3-0-1, Ja.Watson 3-0-0, Dunlap 2-0-0, Nnadi 1-1-1, Cook 1-0-0, Harris 1-0-0, C.Jones 1-0-0, Karlaftis 0-1-0.

PHILADELPHIA 38, N.Y. GIANTS 7

N.Y. Giants	0	0	7	0	—	7
Philadelphia	14	14	0	10	—	38

First Quarter
Phi: Goedert 16pass from Hurts (Elliott kick), 10:06.
Phi: D.Smith 9pass from Hurts (Elliott kick), 1:21.
Second Quarter
Phi: B.Scott 3run (Elliott kick), 7:29.
Phi: Hurts 5run (Elliott kick), :43.
Third Quarter
NYG: Breida 8run (Gano kick), 6:15.
Fourth Quarter
Phi: FG Elliott 30, 5:16.
Phi: Gainwell 35run (Elliott kick), 1:51.

TEAM STATS	NYG	PHI
First downs	13	26
Total net yards	227	416
Rushes-yards	20-118	44-268
Passing	109	148
Punt returns	1--3	0-0
Kickoff returns	5-129	0-0
Interceptions ret.	0-0	1-8
Comp-att-int	15-27-1	16-24-0
Sacked-yards lost	5-26	1-6
Punts	5-43.2	3-43.0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	1-5	5-25
Time of possession	24:17	35:43

RUSHING: N.Y. Giants, Barkley 9-61, Jones 6-24, Breida 4-23, Brightwell 1-10. Philadelphia, Gainwell 12-112, Sanders 17-90, Hurts 9-34, B.Scott 6-32.
PASSING: N.Y. Giants, Jones 15-27-1-135. Philadelphia, Hurts 16-24-0-154.
RECEIVING: N.Y. Giants, James 7-51, Barkley 2-21, Breida 1-19, M.Johnson 1-17, Cager 1-16, Bellinger 1-4, Slayton 1-4, Hodgins 1-3. Philadelphia, Smith 6-61, Goedert 5-58, Brown 3-22, Gainwell 1-9, Pascal 1-4.
PUNT RETURNS: N.Y. Giants, James 1-(minus 3). Philadelphia, None.
KICKOFF RETURNS: N.Y. Giants, Brightwell 5-129. Philadelphia, None.
INTERCEPTIONS: N.Y. Giants, None. Philadelphia, Bradberry 1-8.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: N.Y. Giants, J.Smith 8-6-0, Love 8-0-0, Jackson 5-2-0, McKinney 4-4-1, Thibodeaux 4-4-0, Lawrence 4-2-0, J.Davis 3-2-0, Ward 2-0-0, Moreau 1-1-0, Ellis 1-0-0, Gates 1-0-0, Holmes 1-0-0, McCloud 1-0-0. Philadelphia, Reddick 4-1-1.5, Slay 4-1-0, Epps 3-2-0, Gardner-Johnson 3-0-0, Blankenship 2-3-0, Cox 2-2-1, Edwards 2-2-0, Graham 2-0-1, Bradberry 2-0-0, Davis 2-0-0, Sweat 1-2-1.5, Hargrave 1-1-0, Jobe 1-0-0, Quinn 1-0-0, J.Scott 1-0-0, White 1-0-0, Joseph 0-1-0.

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Arsenal	18	15	2	1	42	14	47
Man City	19	13	3	3	50	20	42
Newcastle	20	10	9	1	33	11	39
Man United	19	12	3	4	30	22	39
Tottenham	20	10	3	7	39	31	33
Brighton	19	9	4	6	37	27	31
Fulham	20	9	4	7	32	29	31
Liverpool	19	8	5	6	34	25	29
Brentford	19	7	8	4	32	28	29
Chelsea	20	8	5	7	22	21	29
Aston Villa	20	8	4	8	23	27	28
Crystal Palace	20	6	6	8	18	27	24
Notting. Forest	20	5	6	9	16	35	21
Leicester	20	5	3	12	28	35	18
West Ham	20	5	3	12	17	25	18
Leeds	18	4	5	9	26	33	17
Wolverhampton	19	4	5	10	12	27	17
Bournemouth	20	4	5	11	19	42	17
Everton	20	3	6	11	15	28	15
Southampton	20	4	3	13	17	35	15

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Liverpool 0, Chelsea 0
Bournemouth 1, Notting. Forest 1
Leicester 2, Brighton 2
Aston Villa 1, Southampton 0
West Ham 2, Everton 0
Crystal Palace 0, Newcastle 0

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Leeds vs. Brentford, 8a.m.
Man City vs. Wolverhampton, 8a.m.
Arsenal vs. Man United, 10:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Fulham vs. Tottenham, 2p.m.

Mikaela Shiffrin competes in the downhill event as part of the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships on Saturday in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italian Alps. **TIZIANA FABI/AFP**

SKIING

Shiffrin waits for moment

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Mikaela Shiffrin will have plenty more chances — better chances, actually — to claim a record-breaking 83rd World Cup victory.

After missing out on the podium on Friday and Saturday in two straight downhills — far from her best event — she'll expect more for upcoming races in disciplines that she excels in.

The Cortina weekend wraps up with a super-G on Sunday then there are two giant slaloms in nearby San Vigilio di Marebbe on Tuesday and Wednesday before two slaloms in the Czech Republic next weekend.

Of Shiffrin's 82 wins, 51 have come in slalom, 17 in giant slalom, five in super-G and only three in downhill. She's also won a combined and a handful of parallel and city races.

"I am enjoying each race and the process is like an opportunity," Shiffrin said after a seventh-place finish on Saturday. "I don't feel that I have to win again. Of course I care. I want to win. That's obvious. But I don't feel that I have to win; that I'm supposed to win. I'm just here trying to figure out the track like all the other racers on the course and see if I can do my best and if it's good enough to be close to the top.

"Maybe sometimes it is the fastest run. And that's that's the best place to be," she added. "When I look forward I see opportunity, but I don't see pressure."

Having matched former teammate Lindsey Vonn for the women's record at 82 wins each by claiming a giant slalom in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, earlier this month, Shiffrin then finished second in a slalom in Flachau, Austria, and fourth in the first of the two Cortina downhills on Friday.

In her latest record attempt, Shiffrin finished 0.39 seconds behind Slovenian winner Ilka Stuhec on the course that will be used for the 2026 Milan-Cortina Olympics.

Season-long downhill leader Sofia Goggia, who won Friday's race in Cortina, fell midway through her run but avoided injury.

While Shiffrin made a slight error during Friday's downhill, she didn't appear to make any significant mistakes in this race but still didn't have enough speed in a discipline that is far from her best.

Stuhec, the 2017 and 2019 world champion in downhill, finished 0.26 ahead of Kajsa Vickhoff Lie and 0.34 ahead of Elena Curtoni.

Stuhec finished second behind Goggia on Friday but hadn't won a World Cup race since December 2018.

The Olympia delle Tofane course was shortened due to wind, removing the course's most characteristic section, the Tofana Schuss or "chute" between two walls of rock.

About a third of the course was eliminated.

Goggia lost control while landing a jump, got twisted around, slammed through a gate and slid down the mountain before quickly getting up and skiing down to the finish, where she waved to the crowd to say she was OK.

The safety air bag under Goggia's racing suit inflated during her crash, which may have helped soften her crash landing.

"I really just made an error. It wasn't a concentration lapse," Goggia said. "It went well in that nothing happened."

IN BRIEF

Rybakina knocks off top-ranked Swiatek

News services

There will not be a showdown between Iga Swiatek and Coco Gauff at the Australian Open. Instead, it will be the players who beat them Sunday — reigning Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina and 2017 French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko — who face off for a semifinal berth.

Rybakina eliminated No. 1-seeded Iga Swiatek 6-4, 6-4 in Rod Laver Arena, while Ostapenko got past No. 7 Gauff 7-5, 6-3 next door in Margaret Court Arena. Both the 22nd-seeded Rybakina, a 23-year-old who represents Kazakhstan, and the 17th-seeded Ostapenko, a 25-year-old from Latvia, earned spots in the quarterfinals at Melbourne Park for the first time.

Swiatek is a three-time major champion, including titles at the French Open and U.S. Open last season. She beat Gauff, an 18-year-old American, in the final at Roland Garros last June.

College basketball: Shahada Wells scored 17 points as No. 14 TCU beat No. 2 Kansas 83-60 on Saturday in one of the worst losses in Bill Self's 20-year coaching career with the Jayhawks. It was Kansas' second-largest loss at home under Self. ... Detroit Mercy's Antoine Davis scored a season-high 42 points against IUPUI and moved into second place on the NCAA all-time scoring list behind Pete Maravich on Saturday.

Golf: Jon Rahm shot a 7-under 65 on Saturday on PGA West's Stadium Course for a share of the lead with tour rookie Davis Thompson in The American Express. ... Brooke Henderson shot a 3-under 69 for a three-shot lead in the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions.

WNBA: The WNBA players' union said Saturday it will review Dearica Hamby's complaints about Las Vegas management after the Aces traded the two-time All-Star to the Sparks. In an Instagram post, the 29-year-old Hamby said the Aces attacked her character and work ethic.

NFL PLAYOFFS DIVISIONAL ROUND PREVIEW

BENGALS (13-4) at BILLS (14-3)
2 p.m. Sunday, CBS
Highmark Stadium, Orchard Park, New York

Line: Bills by 4½
Series record: Bills lead 17-15

NFL ranks

Bengals offense: Overall (8), rush (29), pass (5), scoring (7)
Bengals defense: Overall (16), rush (7), pass (23), scoring (6)
Bills offense: Overall (2), rush (7), pass (7), scoring (2)
Bills defense: Overall (6), rush (5), pass (15), scoring (2)
Turnover differential: Bengals plus-6; Bills even

Players to watch

Bengals: WR Ja'Marr Chase is still showing he can catch almost any pass Joe Burrow gets in his vicinity. The second-year wideout led the Bengals with nine catches for 84 yards and a touchdown last week. He had eight catches for 86 yards and a TD in a win over the Ravens the previous week in the regular-season finale. Chase had 1,046 receiving yards despite missing four games with a hip injury.
Bills: QB Josh Allen. The fifth-year starter is just as capable of throwing multiple touchdowns and committing multiple giveaways, as happened in a sloppy outing last weekend when Allen threw three TD passes, two interceptions and had his fumble returned for a touchdown. Allen has now thrown 38 TDs, 16 interceptions (six of them inside an opponent's 20) and lost six fumbles in 17 starts this season.

Key matchup

Bills secondary versus Bengals WRs: The Bills secondary is young and dealing with injuries, while facing a potent Burrow-led passing attack. Starting CB Tre'Davious White has been eased back in after missing a year because of a knee injury, and has appeared in seven games — the past five in which he's played a majority of the defensive snaps. CB Dane Jackson's status is uncertain after hurting his knee last weekend, leaving the possibility of rookie Kaiir Elam taking over. Starting S Jordan Poyer is playing through a series of injuries. And Buffalo is down to its third safety opposite Poyer, with Micah Hyde (neck) not ready to return and Hamlin on IR.

Bengals QB
Joe Burrow
AP PHOTOS

Key injuries

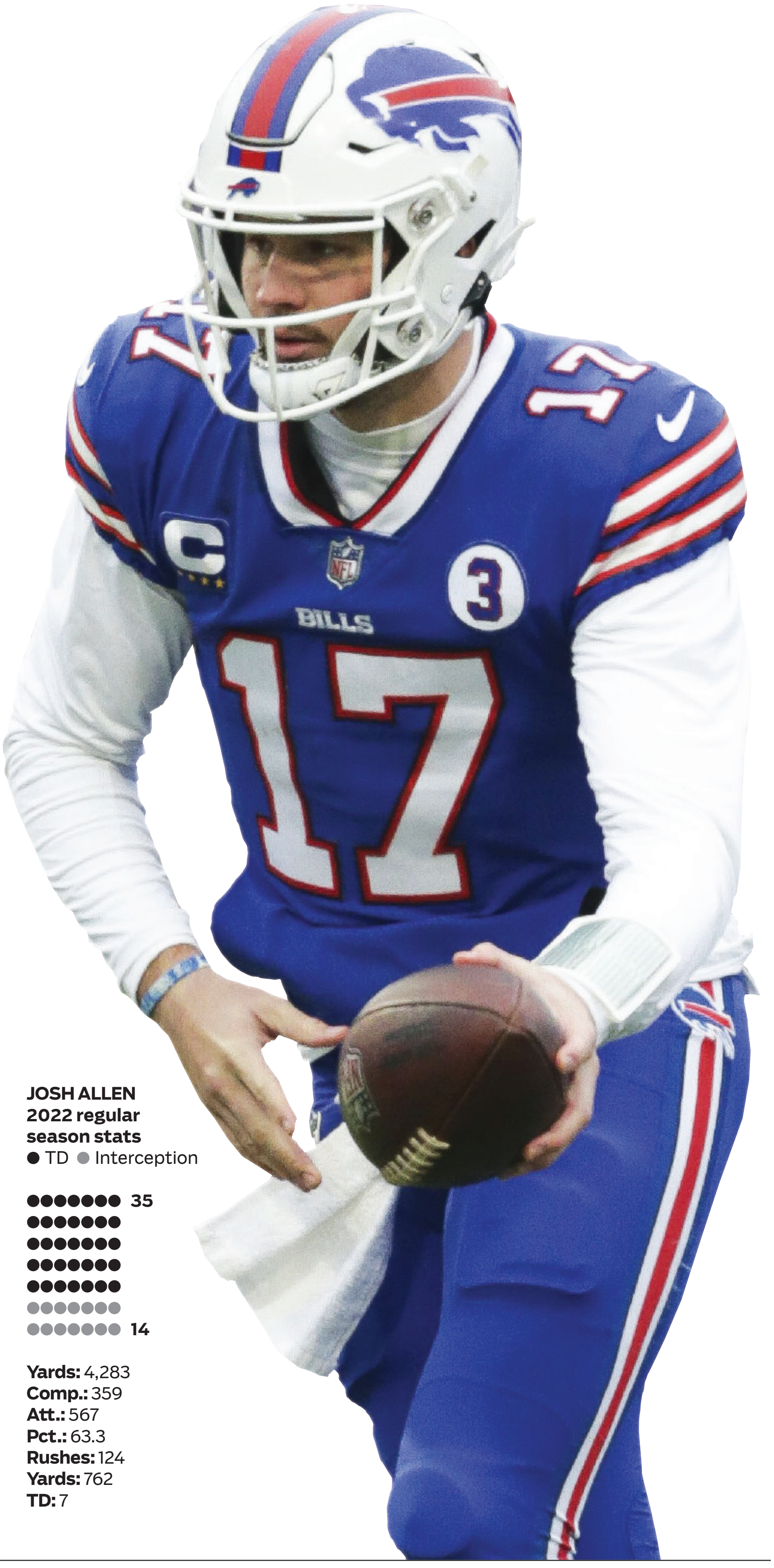
Bengals LT Jonah Williams (dislocated kneecap) left Sunday's game in the second quarter last week and is questionable for Sunday's game. He was not at practice Wednesday. ... Bills CB Jackson was limited in practice on Wednesday. ... WR Isaiah McKenzie resumed practicing after missing last week with a hamstring injury. ... DT Jordan Phillips' status is uncertain after missing one game with a shoulder injury.

Series notes

The Bengals are 2-0 against Buffalo in the postseason, with both games played in Cincinnati. The Bengals beat the Bills 28-21 in a 1981 season division-round game with now TV broadcaster Cris Collinsworth scoring the go-ahead TD, and 21-10 in the AFC championship game in the 1988 season. ... Buffalo followed the 1988 postseason loss to win 10 consecutive regular-season meetings. ... The Bengals have won four of the past six.

Stats & stuff

The Bills celebrated the Bengals closing their 2017 season with a win over Baltimore that was decided on Andy Dalton's 49-yard TD pass to Tyler Boyd with 44 seconds remaining. The Ravens' loss coupled with Buffalo's win at Miami earlier in the day vaulted the Bills into the playoffs to end the franchise's 17-year postseason drought. ... When Ravens quarterback Tyler Huntley fumbled while trying to score from the Cincinnati 1 last week, DE Sam Hubbard grabbed the ball and rumbled 98 yards the other way for a go-ahead TD — the longest fumble return for a score in NFL postseason history. ... Burrow passed for 209 yards, his fewest since he threw for 200 in the Dec. 18 win over Tampa Bay. ... Cincinnati is missing three starting offensive linemen. RT La'el Collins (torn ACL) went out Dec. 24, RG Alex Cappa (ankle) was lost Jan. 8 and Williams went down last week. Hakeem Adeniji, Max Scharping and Jackson Carman are expected to start in their places against Buffalo. ... The Bengals have won nine straight and not lost since Halloween. ... Cincinnati, which lost to the Rams in the Super Bowl last season, has reached the division round in consecutive seasons for the first time in team history. ... The Bills are 13-1 at home in the playoffs, with their lone loss against Jacksonville in the wild-card round of the 1996 season in what became Buffalo Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly's final game. ... The Bills are 4-0 at home in the postseason since coach Sean McDermott took over in 2017, and 4-4 overall in making their fifth playoff appearance in six years.
— Associated Press



JOSH ALLEN
2022 regular season stats
● TD ○ Interception

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○○○○○○○ **14**

Yards: 4,283
Comp.: 359
Att.: 567
Pct.: 63.3
Rushes: 124
Yards: 762
TD: 7

DAK PRESCOTT
2022 regular season stats
● TD ○ Interception

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Yards: 2,860
Comp.: 261
Att.: 394
Pct.: 66.2
Rushes: 45
Yards: 182
TD: 1

COWBOYS (13-5) at 49ERS (14-4)
5:30 p.m. Sunday, FOX
Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, California

Line: 49ers by 3½
Series record: Cowboys lead 19-18-1

NFL ranks

Cowboys offense: Overall (11), rush (9), pass (14), scoring (4)
Cowboys defense: Overall (12), rush (22), pass (8), scoring (5)
49Ers offense: Overall (5), rush (8), pass (13), scoring (6)
49Ers defense: Overall (1), rush (2), pass (20), scoring (1)
Turnover differential: Cowboys plus-10; 49ers plus-13.

Players to watch

Cowboys: RB Tony Pollard is the closest thing Dallas has to Christian McCaffrey's skillset. He has clearly become the primary threat over Ezekiel Elliott in the backfield and might be the team's best offensive player. He averaged 5.1 yards per carry to 2.1 for Elliott in the wild-card victory. Pollard has eight plays of at least 30 yards this season, and three of them are catches — all for touchdowns.
49ers: QB Brock Purdy will be trying to join Joe Flacco (2008) and Mark Sanchez (2009) as the only rookie QBs to win two playoff starts. Purdy is 6-0 as a starter and has thrown at least two TD passes in seven straight games. He threw for 332 yards and three TDs last week and also rushed for a score, becoming the first rookie to account for at least four touchdowns in a playoff game.

Key matchup

Dallas WR CeeDee Lamb vs. San Francisco CB Charvarius Ward: The Niners have frequently used Ward on No. 1 receivers this season to good results, but he did get beat deep for a 50-yard TD last week by Seattle's DK Metcalf. If Ward can do a good job sticking close to Lamb that should give the pass rush extra time to get to Dak Prescott.

Key injuries

Dallas LT Jason Peters is expected to be sidelined after injuring a hip against the Bucs. If so, the Cowboys would start the OL they settled on when eight-time Pro Bowl LT Tyron Smith made his season debut in Week 15 coming off a torn hamstring and started on the right side instead of the left. Dallas decided at that time to leave rookie first-round pick Tyler Smith at LT. Peters' injury meant the return of Connor McGovern to LG, where Tyler Smith started last week. ... S Jayron Kearse, a key piece in trying to defend against McCaffrey and Deebo Samuel, injured a knee against Tampa Bay but could play. ... DE Samson Ebukam and WR Jauan Jennings are expected to play for San Francisco despite being limited this week by ankle injuries.

Series notes

The teams are meeting for a record-tying ninth time in the playoffs with Dallas winning five of the previous eight. ... The Niners won last season's matchup in the wild-card round. ... The only other matchups to happen nine times in the postseason are San Francisco-Green Bay and Dallas against the Rams. ... The Cowboys have won the past four road games in the series — all in the regular season — since a loss in 1997.

Stats & stuff

The Cowboys' six-game losing streak in the divisional round is the longest since the 1970 merger. The most recent victory was the last of four in a row during the 1995 season, when Dallas won the most recent of its five Super Bowl titles. ... The win over the Bucs ended an eight-game road playoff losing streak for the Cowboys, which was tied for the second longest in NFL history. It came on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the previous road win, which was at San Francisco in an NFC championship game. ... Dallas' 36 playoff victories are tied with Green Bay and Pittsburgh for second all time. New England leads with 37. ... QB Dak Prescott is the only NFL player with at least one passing touchdown and rushing score in four consecutive playoff games. He accounted for five TDs against the Bucs, the first Dallas QB to do that in a playoff game. Prescott improved to 2-3 in the postseason by beating Tom Brady and the Bucs and had career playoff bests in completions (25), completion rate (76%), yards (305), TDs (four) and passer rating (143.3). He ended a seven-game interception streak, the longest of his career.
— Associated Press

49ers WR
Deebo Samuel

BLACKHAWKS 5, BLUES 3

Hawks goalie Stauber wins his NHL debut

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Rookie Jaxson Stauber recorded 28 saves in his NHL debut, and Jason Dickinson scored a goal and had two assists, leading the Blackhawks to a 5-3 victory Saturday night against the St. Louis Blues.

Stauber, 23, joined the Hawks on an emergency recall Thursday. He signed last year after a standout career at Providence College. He has played in 12 games this season with the Rockford IceHogs of the American Hockey League, going 6-4 with a 3.06 goals-against average and a .896 save percentage. He is the son of former NHL goaltender Robb Stauber, who played five seasons in the NHL with the Los Angeles Kings and Buffalo Sabres.

The Blackhawks have won six of seven games. The loss snapped the Blues' four-game winning streak in the series. The Blues had beaten the Hawks six straight times at home dating to Nov. 14, 2018.

Sam Lafferty, Reese Johnson, Andreas Athanasiou and Max Domi also scored for the Hawks, who had just 18 shots on goal. Jordan Kyrou, Ivan Barbashev and Nick Leddy scored for the Blues.

The Hawks scored on their first two shots on goal. Dickinson scored at 10:27 of the first period on a quick-developing 2-on-1 for a 1-0 lead. They made it 2-0 at 13:20 with a short-handed goal by Lafferty after being fed by Dickinson for a breakaway, beating Jordan Binnington through the five-hole. Lafferty used his speed to assist on Dickinson's goal.

Each team scored twice in the second period. The Hawks went up 3-0 at two minutes in the second period when Johnson got behind Calle Rosen and tapped in the puck after getting a pass from Colin Blackwell. The Blues came back less than a minute later with a power-play goal when Kyrou scored on a wrist shot at 2:54. Athanasiou scored at 3:59 for a 4-1 Hawks lead.

That was it for Binnington, who allowed four goals on seven shots. Backup Thomas Greiss came in to play.

Blackhawks goalies Jaxson Stauber makes a save against the Blues on Saturday in St. Louis. **MICHAEL THOMAS/AP**

White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson rounds the bases on an RBI double from Andrew Vaughn on June 20 at Guaranteed Rate Field. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Sullivan

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It was understandable SoxFest was canceled in 2021 and '22 because of the pandemic, but several teams, including the Cubs, St. Louis Cardinals and Boston Red Sox, resumed their fan fests this month. Were the Sox trying to avoid the wrath of fans or was there another reason for the decision?

It doesn't matter now. What's done is done. And with a little more than three weeks before spring training begins in Glendale, Ariz., the Sox desperately need some help getting fans excited about what's in store for the 2023 season.

Fortunately, we're here to help. Here are 10 things to look forward to in 2023.

1. It couldn't get any worse

This goes without saying. The Sox were overconfident heading into 2022, from upper management to the players, but spent most of the season trying to get to .500. Injuries were a part of the struggles, but underperforming stars such as Yasmani Grandal, Yoán Moncada and Lucas Giolito also factored into the mess.

Motivation should be no problem in '23.

2. Pedro Grifol is not Tony La Russa

SoxFest would've been the perfect time to get to know the new manager. Oh, well. At first glance, Grifol seems like the perfect antidote to La Russa, and he'll get a chance to show what he's all about in spring training.

Every new manager deserves a honeymoon period. How long Grifol's lasts will depend on how the Sox start the season.

3. The chip on Dylan Cease's shoulder

After being left off the American League All-Star team last summer, the team's poet laureate used the snub for motivation.

"Just trying to win is enough motivation for me," he said after returning from the break. "But I'll take any chip on my shoulder I can get."

The chip worked, and Cease finished second in AL Cy Young voting. It's going to be hard to ignore Cease this time if he continues dominating hitters as he did in '22, but the chip should remain.

4. Andrew Vaughn is out of the outfield

Vaughn tried his best, but with a minus-14 in defensive runs saved, he ranked as the second-worst defensive outfielder in the AL behind the Mariners' Jesse Winker (minus-16). With José Abreu gone, Vaughn will return to his natural position at first, with slick-fielding Andrew Benintendi playing left and Eloy Jimenez becoming the primary designated hitter.

Sox pitchers should benefit from the switch.

5. Tim Anderson is healthy again

After surgery in early August to repair a sagittal band tear on the middle finger of his left hand, Anderson was slated to return for the final weeks of the season. He never made it back but should be fully healed and ready to return to his first-half form.

Anderson has two seasons before free agency. But after seeing how much Trea Turner, Carlos Correa, Xander Bogaerts and Dansby Swanson were paid this winter, he should be primed to improve defensively — and to stay on the field.

6. Garrett Crochet eventually will return

When the left-hander will be added to the Sox bullpen is unknown. After Crochet missed 2022 following Tommy John surgery, the Sox figure to start him in Triple A and control his workload.

But his importance is magnified with closer Liam Hendriks battling non-Hodgkin lymphoma, and the Sox will need Crochet in the second half for a postseason run.

7. 'Hi, Mom!' Talking Bobblehead Day

The coveted Eloy Jiménez talking bobblehead will go to the first 20,000 fans to show up May 13 against the Houston Astros. Eloy's mom is not included.

8. Reaction to Joe Kelly's book

After a dismal start to his Sox career, Kelly finished with a 1.13 ERA in his final nine appearances, showing signs of his old self. With the release this spring of his new book, "A Damn Near Perfect Game," Kelly will be in the spotlight everywhere he goes, just as he prefers, after ripping Carlos Correa, Josh Donaldson, the Astros and others. Now he has no choice but to pitch well this season.

9. Two new bars in the upper deck

The Sox are opening two upper-deck drinking spots they're calling "View Bars" in Sections 516 and 548. The team released two photos of the bars, which will be available to all fans and also through group sales. Selling upper-deck tickets has been a difficult task, except for opening day and the City Series against with the Cubs, so it makes sense to try and entice fans to hike up to the 500 level.

10. Liam Hendriks' rehab

Cease told reporters last week the news on Hendriks was "pretty devastating" for everyone, "but it sounds like something he'll be able to overcome, and obviously it's much more important than baseball. We're all with him."

Everyone agrees Hendriks will beat this thing. Hopefully he'll be back on the mound soon, but even seeing a healthy Hendriks in street clothes would be an inspiring sight for Sox Nation.

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win, they're headed to Atlanta.

Chad Henne led a 98-yard touchdown drive while Mahomes was out. Travis Kelce had a career-high 14 catches for 98 yards and two scores. Marquez Valdes-Scantling hauled in the eventual clinching TD pass with about 7 minutes left in the game.

"It's a credit to the team I have around me, the coaches around me and the organization in general," Mahomes said. "We try to do whatever we can to be in this position, to get to the AFC championship game and find a way to the Super Bowl."

The Jaguars, who rallied from a 27-0 deficit to beat the Chargers in the wild-card round, squandered two chances to mount another late rally. The first ended when Jamal Agnew had the ball pop loose inside the Chiefs 5 with about 5 ½ minutes to go, and the second when Jaylen Watson made a leaping, one-handed interception near midfield.

The Jaguars' last-gasp chance ended when the Chiefs recovered an onside kick with 24 seconds to go.

Trevor Lawrence finished with 217 yards passing with a touchdown toss to Christian Kirk, who was briefly hurt midway through the fourth quarter but returned to finish the game. Travis Etienne added 62 yards rushing and a touchdown.

"When you get this far you don't want to only go this far," the Jaguars' Foyesade Oluokun said. "You want to keep going."

"I don't really have the words right now," Lawrence added. "The Chiefs did more today than we did."

Long before Mahomes hobbled to the sideline in pain, he was at his creative best, driving the Chiefs downfield on their opening possession.

There was a shortstop-style sidearm sling to JuJu Smith-Schuster, a key third down pass to Kelce as he was being dragged to the turf, and the flip pass to his tight end that gave the Chiefs a 7-0 lead.

The Jaguars came right back, taking advantage of a big kickoff return and a short field.

Lawrence, whose four touchdown throws helped to stun the Chargers last week, proceeded to hit Kirk for the matching touchdown.

Then, the complexion of the game changed.

Mahomes was moving up in the pocket when Arden Key brought the full weight of his body down on the quarterback's ankle. Mahomes hobbled to the huddle and managed to get through three more plays to end the first quarter, then was on the field two more plays before Harrison Butker kicked a 50-yard field goal.

During the Jaguars' ensuing possession, Mahomes got into a heated argument with Reid and the training staff. He then threw down his coat and headed to the locker room, forcing Henne to take over midway through the second quarter, just as the 37-year-old journeyman did two years ago in a playoff win over the Browns.

"Yeah, I did not want to go, and they kind of gave me the ultimatum that I wasn't going back in unless I went in there," said Mahomes, who cheered on Henne's 98-yard drive from the sideline, wearing a puffy winter coat on a cold, sleeting night.

As the second half began, though, that familiar red No. 15 jersey was trotting back onto the field.

"It was a short leash," Reid acknowledged. "If I felt like he wasn't able to handle it, he would have been out."

His right ankle heavily taped, Mahomes struggled to move around, but simply his presence seemed to calm the Chiefs — and their angst-filled fan base. Butker added a second 50-yard field goal late in the third quarter to extend the lead to 20-10, and when the AFC South champs answered with a touchdown of their own, so did the Chiefs.

Mahomes drove them downfield for one last score that proved to be the margin of victory.

"We know that if it's up to Pat, he's going to be in there. I'm sure he had some words with everyone on the sideline that he wanted to be in there as fast as possible," Kelce said afterward.

"It's just a different feeling when one-five is in there. He can make anything happen, even on one ankle.".

Disrespected Bengals, driven Bills set for playoff showdown: Joe Mixon and the Bengals feel disrespected. Josh Allen and the Bills have plenty to motivate them — starting with safety Damar Hamlin's remarkable recovery — in a season of overcoming adversity.

Two teams that bonded three weeks ago in Cincinnati in deciding their since-canceled game could not proceed after Hamlin went into cardiac arrest and needed to be resuscitated on the field have much to prove in an AFC divisional-round playoff showdown in Buffalo on Sunday.

For the Bills, the mere sight of Hamlin making regular visits to their facility this week was uplifting. What's more, the Bills believe they're battle-tested and capable of surmounting any remaining obstacles to achieve their preseason Super Bowl aspirations.

"I think it gives you a more sturdy foundation. The more struggle, the more adversity that you can see over the course of the year, it just makes you stronger," Allen said. "We've been in some really weird situations this year that not a lot of teams maybe have ever gone through. Being able to have that under our belts, understand those emotions in those situations, and just try to use it to our advantage."

The Bills have weathered two winter storms that disrupted their schedule, mourned the death of tight end Dawson Knox's younger brother Luke in August, and rallied to their community's aid in the aftermath of a racist shooting that left 10 Black people dead at a Buffalo supermarket in May.

Hamlin's collapse and recovery is but the latest — and most personal.

In Cincinnati, Mixon might speak for all the Bengals in expressing his unhappiness over his team getting the short end of the stick from the NFL.

Already annoyed over the Bengals being placed at a disadvantage to finish higher than the AFC's third seed, Mixon added another chip to his broad shoulders this week once the NFL began selling tickets for a potential Bills-Kansas City Chiefs matchup in the AFC championship game, which would be played in Atlanta.

"To be honest, it's disrespectful," Mixon said, after the NFL's ruling to go to a neutral site kicked in once the Bills (13-3) finished the season a half-game behind the Chiefs (14-3). The Bengals (12-4) were left out of the picture even though they defeated the Chiefs this season, and missed out on their opportunity to pass the Bills in the standings once their game was called off.

An AFC championship between the Bengals and Chiefs will instead be played at Kansas City.

No matter, said Mixon.

"We got a game to play on Sunday, right? So you can't count us out," he said. "We're going to go out there on Sunday and do what the hell we gotta do to get that dub. Then we're going to see what they're talking about."

As if the Bengals need more to drive them, the Bills are favored.

"We know that we're defending AFC champions, and so there's an edge to this team. We're not an underdog to anybody," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said. "I just think that's the feeling we've had all season. We don't really care what anybody else says about us.

"We know we belong on the field with every team in this league."

Prescott, Purdy playing at high level heading into showdown: Dak Prescott shook off some late-season struggles and once again looked in top form in the Cowboys' playoff opener.

Brock Purdy looked just as good as he has ever since stepping in as the starter in San Francisco, part of his improbable journey from seventh-round pick to playoff quarterback.

With both QBs coming off impressive games in the wild-card round, the Cowboys (13-5) and 49ers (14-4) look like offensive juggernauts heading into Sunday's matchup in the divisional round.

Presott threw for 305 yards and four TDs and ran for another score in the Cowboys' win at Tampa Bay, setting a franchise by accounting for five TDs in a playoff game.

It was a far cry from the way Prescott ended the regular season with 11 interceptions in his final seven games.

"Dak has always been a challenge," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "(He's) a pure pocket passer who can make all the throws in there and read the defense really well and get the ball to the right spots and do it accurately. That's why he's had the career he has and when things do break down, he's got a knack for how to get out of that pocket and make some off-schedule plays and that's why he has had such a successful career so far."

While Prescott getting back to that form should be little surprise, Purdy's performance has been less expected.

The player picked last in April's draft has played like a star since replacing an injured Jimmy Garoppolo in Week 13. Purdy has thrown at least two TD passes in seven straight games and has won all six starts while running an offense filled with playmakers like Christian McCaffrey, Deebo Samuel and George Kittle, and a solid offensive line.

He threw for 332 yards and three TDs and ran for a score in a win over the Seahawks, becoming the first rookie QB to account for four TDs in a playoff game and throwing for the most yards by a rookie in a playoff win since Sammy Baugh in 1937.

RIDES

BMW's i Vision Dee concept, an AI-powered vehicle. **BMW**

Revolution has an electroluminescent glass roof. **STELLANTIS**

Afeela promises best-in-class entertainment. **SONY HONDA**

The Volkswagen ID.7 is the brand's first electric sedan. It is shown here with a bespoke multicolor paint job that can be illuminated at night. **VOLKSWAGEN OF AMERICA**

GOING FAR BEYOND

Experts highlight the top trends in car technology from CES 2023

By Ronald Montoya
Edmunds

CES (formerly known as the Consumer Electronics Show) in Las Vegas tends to showcase vehicles and technology that are further out than one might find at a traditional auto show. Edmunds attended this year and reports on the most notable vehicles and what new technology car shoppers might see in the coming years.

BMW's talking car

BMW had one of the more forward-thinking concepts at CES. The i Vision Dee is a talking electric sedan with an artificial intelligence that BMW says "will go far beyond the level of voice control and driver assistance systems we are familiar with today."

The name "Dee" stands for Digital Emotional Experience. One notable feature is an advanced head-up display that can display driver information on the full windshield at a base level and is capable of projecting virtual reality on the windshield. BMW says the AI can get excited when it sees you and can express its mood via screens on the front grille.

If that wasn't enough, the i Vison Dee is covered in 240 e-ink panels, including the wheels, that allow it to shift colors at will. You can have a purple car one day and a checkerboard pattern another day.

These may sound like far-fetched features, but BMW says these are real products that are coming down the pipeline, starting in 2025 and beyond.

Honda and Sony are hooked on Afeeling

These two well-known brands are hoping to excite car shoppers with their new joint venture brand, Afeela. At CES, they showed off their otherwise unnamed prototype electric midsize sedan. They didn't provide any significant information about range or power but did say the sedan will be equipped with about 45 cameras and sensors to give it a number of automated driving features. Afeela also promises "best in class entertainment," and it will have a small display on the grille to provide information to both pedestrians and the vehicle's owner.

It is unclear how Afeela will affect other upcoming electric vehicles from Honda but preorders will open in the first half of 2025, with deliveries starting in spring of 2026.

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VOLVO
Volvo EX90 will be the first to offer Google HD maps that give it a greater awareness of its position to enhance safety. **VOLVO**

Ram's electric revolution

The Ram Revolution concept is a preview of what we might expect to see from the brand's first electric pickup. Some of the more notable features include third-row jump seats, a retractable steering wheel, a glass roof with the ability to adjust the shade of tint, and an 18-foot pass-through that allows for long items to be placed from the bed all the way to the front trunk.

Stellantis, Ram's parent company, didn't comment on the Revolution's range or power. Since this was a proof-of-concept prototype, some of the Revolution's high-tech features might not see production, but we'll know more when the production model is revealed later this year. The Revolution is expected to go on sale sometime in 2024.

Volkswagen doubles down on sedans

Volkswagen returned to CES after a six-year hiatus to debut its first electric sedan, the ID.7. The ID.7 will be a substantial size; its 116.9-inch wheelbase is about the same as the Tesla Model S'. Volkswagen says the ID.7 has a range of about 435 miles, but that is based on the European testing cycle, so the figure will differ when it comes to the U.S.

The ID.7 boasts a number of high-tech features such as a 15-inch touchscreen, digitally controlled air vents and an augmented reality head-up display. VW will reveal the final production version sometime in the second quarter of 2023.

Volvo follows an HD map

The Volvo EX90 is a seven-seat electric SUV that the company calls a "highly advanced computer on wheels." Volvo says the EX90 will have an estimated range of about 300 miles and an electric motor producing up to 496 horsepower. At CES, however, Volvo primarily focused on showing off the EX90's Google HD map integration.

HD maps provide a greater level of detail about road landmarks and more to improve the awareness the vehicle has of the road. When combined with the EX90's suite of cameras, radars and sensors, the more detailed maps allow the SUV to have a more accurate understanding of its position on the road. Volvo says the EX90 is equipped with all the technology to enable hands- and eyes-free driving. It won't be a feature at launch, but Volvo says it will enable the feature when it can assure its safety.

Customers can configure their EX90 starting this fall, but deliveries won't begin until early 2024.

Edmunds says: We're skeptical of some of the autonomous driving claims being made since this remains a tough nut to crack, but we're excited about high-tech trucks and color-changing body panels that will arrive in the near future.

Federal safety watchdog concerned about EV weight, size in crashes

The 2024 GMC Hummer EV SUV is a centerpiece of GM's electric vehicle future. **GMC**

By Riley Beggin
The Detroit News

The chair of the National Transportation Safety Board said this month that she's concerned about the safety risks of heavy electric vehicles.

A GMC Hummer EV weighs more than 9,000 pounds, Jennifer Homendy said, with a battery that weighs more than 2,900 pounds. The battery alone is around the weight of a Honda Civic.

A Ford F-150 Lightning is up to 3,000 pounds heavier than the non-electric version, and the Mustang Mach-E, Volvo XC40 EV and the Toyota RAV4 EV are all around one-third heavier than their gas-powered counterparts, she added.

"I am concerned about the increased risk of severe injury and death for all road users from heavier curb weights and the increasing size, power and performance of vehicles on our roads, including electric vehicles," Homendy told an audience at the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in Washington.

She said she's "inspired" by the Biden administration's commitment to phasing out carbon emissions and supports the push toward electric vehicles.

"We do have a climate crisis that needs to be addressed," she said. "But we have to be careful that we aren't also creating unintended consequences ... safety, especially when it comes to new policies and new technologies ... cannot be overlooked ever."

The NTSB serves as a safety watchdog, but has no power to create regulations or set policy.

Homendy said mass and velocity are two of the biggest risk factors when it comes to crashes. It "has a significant impact" whether it's a crash with another vehicle or a pedestrian or cyclist.

VINICIUS BACARIN/DREAMSTIME

Why won't song titles show up in car?

Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: New cars do not seem to have CD players, including my 2019 Hyundai Sonata, so I copied more than 2,000 songs from the 1940s (I am 87) on a 128GB thumb drive and the screen shows "No title No info" when I insert the thumb drive. The dealer said he doesn't have a clue. Do you?
— J.B., Monument, Colorado

A: You didn't mention what application you used to copy the CD music (CDA files) to your thumb drive. In order to play, they must be converted to a different format. Unless you use Microsoft Media Player or other conversion software, the song titles may not copy over. You may see only labels like track 01, for instance.

Q: You recently commented on a subject that trips my trigger. As any designer with a brain cell would know, handicapped-accessible parking should be located between the entrance door and the exit door. At Centennial Hills Home Depot in Las Vegas, it is located out in right field with the entrance door at first base and the exit door at third base, forcing those who use it to walk the farthest of anyone. I complained to the customer service department at the store and received a blank stare and an email address for corporate customer service. My email got zip in return. I recently noticed that a local Costco just reduced the number of handicapped-accessible parking spaces next to the front door from 24 to six. We really are second-class citizens.
— G.H., Chicago

A: Twenty-four may be more spaces than needed but designated handicapped-accessible parking should always be located near the entrance/exit. While we are addressing pet peeves, I have yet to see a ticket on a vehicle without a handicapped-person license plate or card hanging from the mirror parked in a designated space.

Q: Last year I bought a new 2021 Honda CR-V, which now has 32,000 miles. I was recently told I need to have a brake fluid flush every 30,000 miles ($165). I am a 75-year-old and have owned cars for the past 50 years, and never once was I told I needed a brake line flush. I have never had a brake problem with any prior cars, and no problem with this car. Why is this all of a sudden a maintenance issue?
— M.O., Lake Bluff, Illinois

A: Since brake fluid is hygroscopic, it attracts water. Water is the nemesis since it can boil, vaporize and cause poor braking. Moisture may also corrode internal parts. But this occurs over time, not mileage. For a 1-year-old car, it seems rather premature to flush the fluid.

Q: We have a 2019 Buick Envision with the 2.5-liter, 4-cylinder engine. My question centers around oils. It asks for Dexos to be used and I am wondering if other synthetics could be used without doing harm to the engine. Is there really any difference?
— L.D., Burnsville, Minnesota

A: Any brand of oil that meets the Dexos specification is fine to use in your car. Dexos will be stated on the bottle's label. There is not much of a difference among brands and all are safe to use. I can't provide a list because it would be too long and take up the whole column, plus columns for the next few weeks.

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AUTO REVIEW

All-new '23 Genesis G90 a 1st-class interpretation of 1st-class mobility

By Larry Printz
Tribune News Service

The 2023 Genesis G90 has a 125.2- inch wheelbase. **GENESIS**

2023 Genesis G90

Base price: $98,700
Engine: 3.5-liter twin turbocharged V6
Horsepower/Torque: 409/405 pound-feet
EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 17/24 mpg
Length/Width/Height: 207.7/76/58.7 in.
Ground clearance: 5.8 in.
Payload: 1,003 pounds
Cargo capacity: 10.6 cubic feet

It's been a long time since Hyundai introduced the 1999 Equus, its first rendition of a world-class luxury car. It would take another decade, and a couple of generations, before the vehicle reached the U.S. and another seven years until Hyundai launched its new luxury brand, Genesis, with the former Equus becoming its flagship sedan, the G90.

For 2023, Genesis is launching an all-new G90, and it's truly a first-class interpretation of first-class mobility. Intended to compete with the Lexus LS, BMW 7 Series, Audi A8 and Mercedes-Benz S-Class in this exclusive sector of the luxury car market, the 2023 G90 is the first Hyundai luxury model that truly competes fender to fender with the world's finest sedans.

While the 2023 Genesis G90's distinctive appearance enhances and further distills the design cues from the previous G90, it now has a more significant air due to its lengthy 125.2-inch wheelbase. Its exquisite lines are enhanced by the front end's dual horizontal lighting theme and a more refined, yet still unmistakable, shield grille. It has a mature presence overall, which is a welcome break from modern car design.

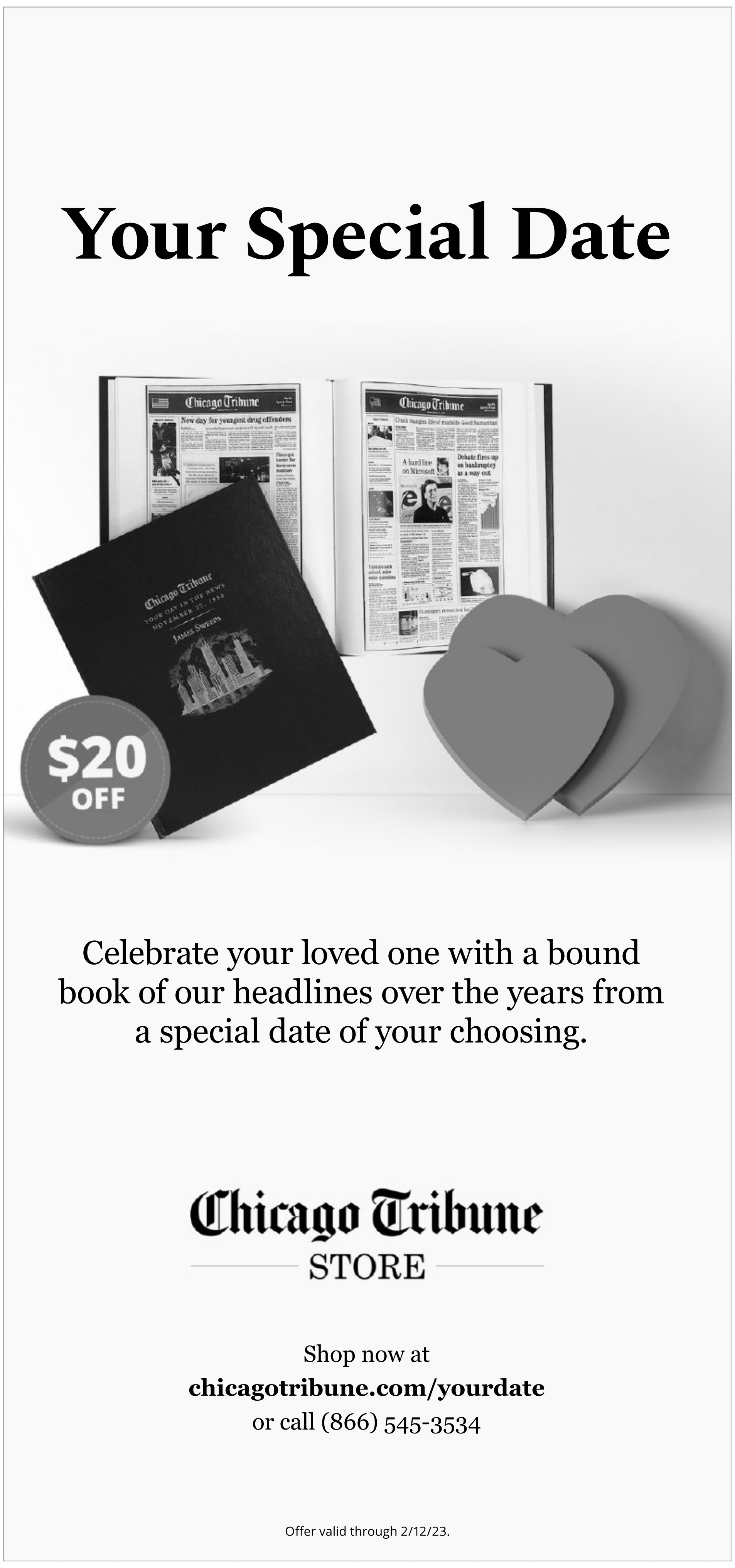
The accommodations are what matter when it comes to large luxury cars, and once inside the G90's cabin, you'll be spoiled senseless. The doors shut with the press of a button. Look around and you'll find a steering wheel with a distinctively sculpted 3-D appearance. Not surprisingly, the interior is richly decorated with a chic combination of leather, wood and other materials, but its appearance lacks the flashiness of its German competition. Instead, there's a knowing, sophisticated calm to its design.

As you'd expect, there is ample head and leg room, and the chairs are wide and comfy. Both the seat back and the seat bottom have massagers, ensuring that your glutes are massaged as well as your aching back. Thanks to active noise cancellation, you'll soon discover that the G90 is quieter than a college library on a Saturday night once underway. There's even an onboard aroma diffuser. The instrument panel is comprised of a pair of 12.3-inch screens behind a single sheet of glass, one a digital instrument cluster and the other a high-def multimedia screen. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are standard, as is an exceptional Bang & Olufsen sound system. There're also front and rear wireless smartphone chargers, a head-up display, and a fingerprint authentication system that can be used to start the car without the key fob.

Genesis is acutely attuned to what's expected of the G90 by eschewing any boy racer Nürburgring tendencies. Instead, it uses its front camera to take stock of the road ahead and adjust the air-dampened suspension accordingly to ensure a relaxing ride. Thankfully, this is not a sports sedan, nor does it aspire to be one. Even so, acceleration is ample while remaining well-composed when cornering — a remarkable and rare combination of traits. But Genesis engineers also provide a chauffeur driving mode that optimizes the G90's ride to prioritize rear seat passenger comfort.

Its personality is at once modern and cutting edge, yet reassuringly traditional with its urge to indulge, delight and pamper. The 2023 Genesis G90 is the true essence of lavish luxury motoring.

Of course, this won't matter to some, as the Genesis brand has yet to achieve true luxury brand cachet despite its excellent vehicles. And luxury label cachet is as much the essence of luxury as what the brand actually delivers. But after experiencing the new G90, such status doesn't seem to matter, as Genesis' newest flagship sedan continues to deliver exceptional pampering at a price that undercuts its competitors.



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Above: Photographer Allan Lee Koss in his Chicago apartment on Jan. 16. His book, "Fares: Chicago Taxicab Portraits," captures faces in the backseat of his Checker cab in Chicago in the 1970s and 1980s. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; Below:** Images from Koss' book. **ALLAN LEE KOSS**

HAVE CAMERA, WILL TRAVEL

A Chicago taxi driver took photos of his passengers for years. His new book is titled 'Fares: Chicago Taxicab Portraits'

The Checker taxi garage was a massive place, just to the north of North Avenue and stretching from Wells Street west to North Park Avenue. It was a wild and busy and noisy place, a human beehive.

Rick Kogan

Allan Lee Koss was in and out of there hundreds, likely thousands, of times. He drove for Checker from 1977 to 1988. He drove nights and, for him, it was a good job. And why not? If memory serves, drivers received 42% of whatever clicked on the meter, kept all tips, and the company took care of gas and maintenance.

I know that because I drove a cab too, out of that same garage, starting a few years before Koss and into his time there. We never met then but I share his feelings. "I liked driving," said Koss. "There was a freedom to it and the people. It was a real job and you could make a good living. Yes, I was proud to be a cabdriver."

He grew up with a sister on the Southwest Side of the city and his father was a manager for Sears. Koss graduated from Kelly High School and then entered Northeastern Illinois University majoring in history with the intention of becoming a teacher. "I spent a lot of years in college," he says. "I did some traveling. I had a bunch of different kinds of jobs. I tended bar for a while at a place near the Checker garage."

Sitting next to him on the front seat of his cab was a Nikon camera of the point-and-shoot variety, which had been a gift from his father. By then he had been taking photos for some time. "I did take one photo class but I am basically self-taught," he

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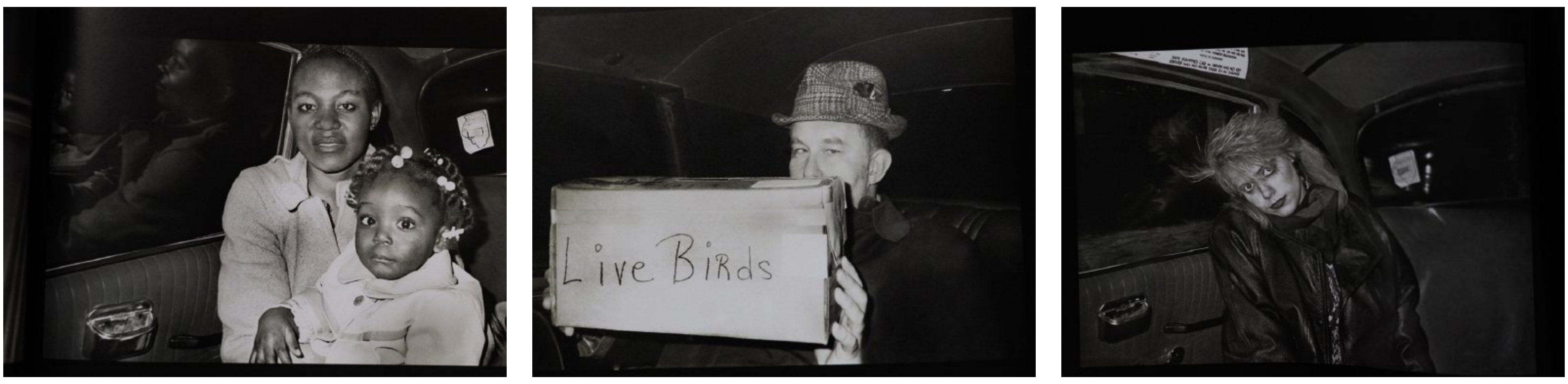

Filmmaker asks, where are all the women nominees?

Chicago's Jennifer Reeder looks at awards season so far and sees only men

Michael Phillips
On Further Review

Filmmaker and University of Illinois Chicago film professor Jennifer Reeder's fourth feature, "Perpetrator," is described this way in the program of the Berlin International Film Festival, where the thriller makes its world premiere:

"On her 18th birthday, tough-girl Jonny eats a cake baked by her aunt according to a magical family recipe and goes through a radical metamorphosis. As several classmates go missing, a bloody coming-of-age story takes its course."

The course rarely runs smoothly in Reeder's filmography, which has been described as half David Lynch, half John Hughes. It's driven by fierce young women; huge, bruising emotions; and a vision of American suburbia full of brightly colored, darkly subterranean mysteries.

The writer-director shot "Perpetrator" in 23 days early last spring in Chicago, using an empty Ukrainian Village three-flat to create a "gorgeous, weird, witchy

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Filmmaker Jennifer Reeder at her home in Hammond, Indiana on Jan. 16. **VINCENT D. JOHNSON/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

CHICAGO WINTER ARTS 2023

This edition of A+E concludes our critic's picks for winter 2023, this week with art exhibitions, comedy and what's happening at Chicago-area museums. For our previous guides to movies and television, theater, dance and all kinds of music, go to www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment.

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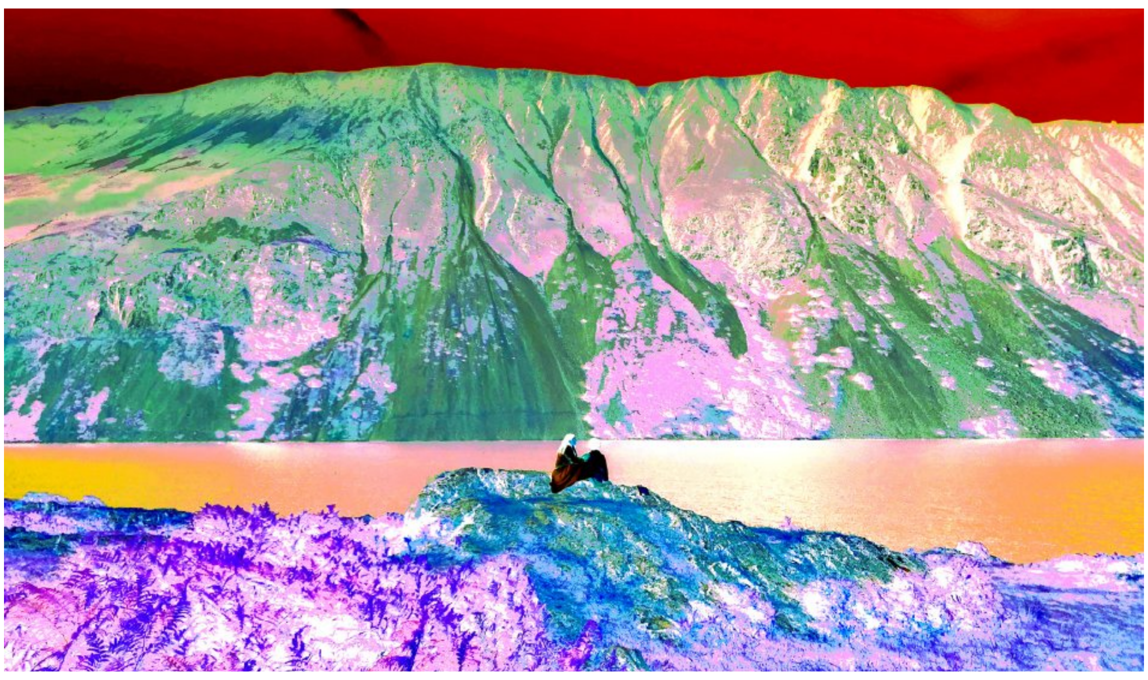
CHICAGO WINTER ARTS 2023 ART SHOWS

10 events worth checking out, from the Block to Hyde Park

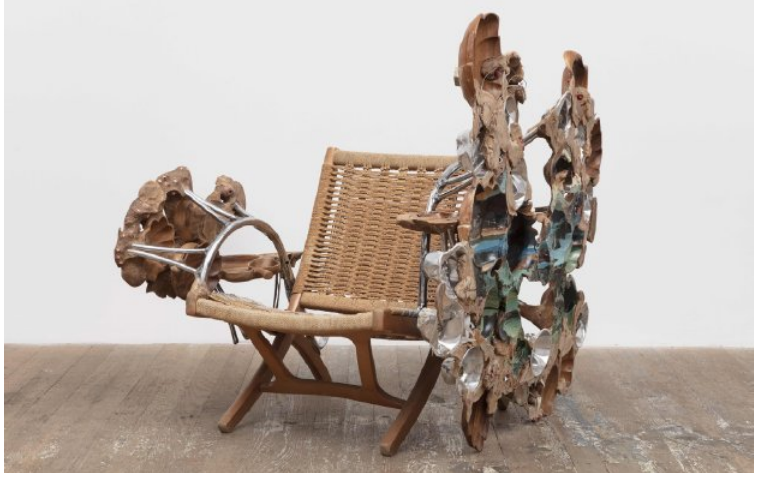
Wide-ranging group of programs offer interesting ways to usher in '23 viewing

Lori Waxman

2023 rhymes with "see," and let that be a cosmic prompt to us all to view more art in the new year. Here are 10 shows to get started.



Himali Singh Soin's "Still from An Affirmation" (2022), now at the Art Institute. **HIMALI SINGH SOIN**



Jessi Reaves' "A sample of the truth" (2022; wood, metal, cord, sawdust, wood glue, paper, enamel paint). **GREGORY CARIDEO**

"Ground Floor": The Hyde Park Art Center's emerging artist biennial is back for its seventh edition, with juried pickings of Chicago's recent Master of Fine Arts grads looking as promising as ever, from Sofia Fernandez Diaz's mysterious woven sculptures to Sungho Bae's Frankensteinian repurposing of plush toys to Shabtai Pinchevsky's poetic investigations into the geographies of conflict. *Through March 5, Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 S. Cornell Ave., 773-324-5520, hydeparkart.org*

"Himali Singh Soin: Static Range": In 1965 the CIA and the Indian Intelligence Bureau abandoned a plutonium-powered spy device in the Himalayas, on a peak that would later be featured on a postage stamp in a photo taken by the artist's father. The mountain, Nanda Devi, features centrally in Soin's first U.S. solo show, where nuclear landscapes are immersively explored through poetry, video, textile, ceramics and gardening. *Through May 15, Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave., 312-443-3600, artic.edu*

"Reckless Rolodex": Rather than eulogize Lawrence Steger, a stylish powerhouse on the Chicago performance art scene until his untimely 1999 death from AIDS-related complications, curators Matthew Goulish, Lin Hixson and Caroline Picard celebrate his legacy, finding it in work by contemporary artists such as Lilli Carré, Max Guy, Cherrie Yu and Betsy Odom. Central to the show is a stage created by Edie Fake for performances by sky cubacub, co-curator Goulish and others. *Through March 18, Gallery 400, 400 S. Peoria St., 312-996-6114, gallery400.uic.edu*

"The Heart's Knowledge: Science and Empathy in the Art of Dario Robleto": Three centuries of human pulse and heartbeat recordings, fossilized prehistoric whale ear bones salvaged from the sea, butterfly antennae and pulverized vinyl records are the sort of idiosyncratic stuff from which Robleto fashions elegant sculptures and videos that explore the material traces of life in the universe past, present and future. *Jan. 26-July 9, Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, 847-491-4000, blockmuseum.northwestern.edu*

"Jessi Reaves: all possessive lusts dispelled": Somewhere in between the realms of furniture and art live Reaves' sculptures— scrappy, irreverent, possibly dangerous, occasionally comical, made of parts both recognizable and not. Can you sit on that chair or put a vase on that shelf? Debatable. Can you think deeply and critically about its purpose in life? Oh yes. *Feb.16-May 20, Arts Club of Chicago, 201 E. Ontario St., 312-787-3997, artsclubchicago.org*

"The Chicago Cli-Fi Library": If the emerging literary genre of climate fiction, aka cli-fi, is the novelist's answer to the existential crisis of global warming, what is the artist's? Chicago makers Beate Geissler & Oliver Sann, Jenny Kendler, Inigo Manglano-Ovalle and Dan Peterman offer their own speculations. *Feb. 23-June 11, Neubauer Collegium, 5701 S. Woodlawn Ave., 773-795-2329, neubauercollegium.uchicago.edu*

"Aria Dean: Abbatoir, U.S.A.!": The up-and-coming curator of digital art and maker of slick, clever sculptures, Dean here presents a new film that considers the relationship between modernism and death by surveying the interior of a slaughterhouse. The thrust is not animal rights but International Style architecture, which Dean argues was influenced not only by the grain elevators and factories of American industrial and agricultural structures but also by its abattoirs. *Feb. 25-April 16, Renaissance Society, 5811 S. Ellis Ave., 773-702-8670, renaissancesociety.org*

"Not All Realisms: Photography, Africa, and the Long 1960s": Focusing on Ghana, Mali and South Africa, this exhibit uses studio photography and reportage — by Ernest Cole, Malick Sidibé, Peter Magubane, Henri Cartier-Bresson and more — to portray the complex collective and individual experiences of a decade marked by a continent's postcolonial turn and the fruition of its national independence movements. It features prints, books, magazines, posters and every other way that photography circulated then. *Feb. 23-July 9, Smart Museum of Art, 5550 S. Greenwood Ave., 773-702-0200, smartmuseum.uchicago.edu*

"Surviving the Long Wars": To understand the inclusion in the second Veteran Art Triennial of a U.S. cavalry coat decorated with Kiowa beadwork or a burnt canvas memorial to the victims of an American bombing in Baghdad, it helps to know the organizers' intentions of providing a deep understanding of war's impact on diverse communities. How they'll achieve that profoundly worthy goal is with a timeline extending from the Indian Wars to the Global War on Terror, and by featuring veteran artists alongside Indigenous, Native American and Middle Eastern practitioners — some of whom are themselves veterans — plus an ambitious program of exhibitions and performances. *Feb. 28-May 27, Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St., 312-943-9090; March 6-June 5, Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., 312-744-6630; March 18-July 9, Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 S. Cornell Ave., 773-324-5520, survivingthelongwars.online*

"Duane Linklater: mymothersside": Using tipi poles and covers, natural dyes, video, fox furs, neon tubing, blueberry bushes, and a range of other materials and techniques, some traditional, some not, the Omaskêko Ininiwak artist opens up the contemporary art museum to Indigenous content, presented in a sovereign and self-determined fashion. On offer will be a survey of work from the past decade of Linklater's career. *March 11-Sept. 3, MCA Chicago, 220 E. Chicago Ave., 312-280-2660, mcachicago.org*

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REVIEW 'BROKER' ★★★

Korean drama looks at society with empathy instead of misery

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

Bae Doona plays a detective in the drama "Broker." **NEON**

The Korean drama "Broker" begins like a noir. A young woman walks in the pouring rain in the middle of the night in Busan. She looks haunted but determined and soon we see her destination: A church with a collection receptacle labeled "Baby Box." It's then, from behind, that we see something squirming under her large, hooded jacket. She doesn't open it, though. She sets the infant boy gingerly on the ground, wrapping him in his blanket, and walks away.

Thankfully for the kid, two detectives are staking out this particular baby box. One, Soo-jin (Bae Doona), gets out to put the baby in the box. The other, Detective Lee (Lee Joo-young), trails the mysterious woman. They suspect an illegal child trafficking ring is operating out of the church and need to catch the perpetrators in the middle of a sale.

Yet "Broker" is not an edge-of-your-seat crime thriller or maudlin drama. Yes, there are two cops on the tail of several men who have a shadowy business selling orphaned and deserted kids to wealthy owners. Yes, there are shades of a large, powerful crime syndicate looming. And yes, there are abandonment issues aplenty.

But despite all the ingredients for a certain kind of film, writer-director Hirokazu Kore-eda had something different in mind. In "Broker," he has made a quiet road-trip film about some gentle souls in difficult situations and the makeshift family they become.

Anyone who has seen the Japanese filmmaker's "Shoplifters" will recognize similar throughlines, from the family aspect to its gentle approach toward people on the fringes of society. "Broker" takes things a step further by playing with gender roles and expectations in unexpected and enlightening ways.

The baby box is not something out of a dystopian future, but a real thing in Japan and Korea that was meant for good but extremely controversial. Was it enabling parents to "throw away" children too easily? Or was it a public service for the most desperate in societies where single mothers are shamed? These questions are asked in the film, and gently debated, but "Broker" isn't interested in definitive answers or moralizing, but instead empathy for both the mothers in impossible situations and the children haunted by abandonment.

Ha Sang-hyeon (Song Kang-ho of "Parasite") is the lead broker of the operation, but he is not a slimy, soulless criminal mastermind using the babies and kids as a mere means to a profitable end. In fact, his de facto day care looks like a pleasant place of love and attention for the littlest and most helpless infants.

He and his right-hand man, Dong-soo (Gang Dong-won), discover a note with this newest arrival: His name is Woo-sung, and his mother says she'll be back for him. From experience, they know that this is rarely ever true. But the early twist is that the mother, Moon So-young (Lee Ji-eun), does come back and soon the three are on a journey to sell Woo-sung to the right kind of parents. There is a light, almost comic touch to some of these interactions that also doesn't trivialize things.

"Broker" is a slow burn that can feel a bit repetitive at times, though the introduction of Hae-jin (Im Seung-soo) as an 8-year-old orphan helps get the film over a meandering hump. It also packs an emotional punch and has some surprises yet, but most importantly, it's a reminder that filmmakers looking to explore society's ills don't need to make a misery fest to do so effectively and powerfully.

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How to watch: In theaters

CHICAGO WINTER ARTS 2023 MUSEUMS

A grab bag of exhibitions and openings to catch during winter

Hannah Edgar

The Oriental Institute Museum was established in 1919 at the University of Chicago. During the spring it hosts "Making Sense of Marbles." **JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Art buffs are spoiled for choice in our city: Museums big and small boast galleries so ever-cycling it would be nearly impossible to catch all the openings in a single season. History museums and cultural institutions, perhaps unsurprisingly, tend to work on longer time frames.

Lucky us, then, that the next three months will see an impressive array of exhibition openings, right in time for the dreary weather. Included below, too, are last calls for exhibits closing soon — penguin-run, don't penguin-walk, to those.

A grand reopening: The Heritage Museum of Asian Art finally unveiled its new Bridgeport digs in October, after a COVID-forced hiatus since March 2020. Its (re)inaugural exhibition is "The Ming Room," showcasing bronzes, furniture, paintings and more dating from the Ming Dynasty. (Don't miss the distinctive underglaze blue imperial porcelains on display.) The museum has also added a number of new pieces to its main gallery, including Qing-era imperial porcelains, a four-poster bed dating from the 17th century, a 13th-century bronze Buddha and a contemporary netsuke collection. "The Ming Room," *on display until summer 2023, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays at the Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan St.; admission is $8 for adults; $5 for students, teens and seniors; $3 for children ages 7-12; and free for active military and children under 7; heritageasianart.org*

Start off your 2023 reading list strong: Bookworms, you'll want to squirm on over to two exhibitions opening this winter: "But Is It a Book?" at the University of Chicago, exploring the different mediums and formats in which text can be conveyed, and "Pop-Up Books through the Ages" at the Newberry Library, tracing the history of the genre from the 1400s to today.

■ **"But Is It a Book?"** *runs through April 28, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Wednesdays at the Regenstein Library's Special Collections Research Center, 1100 E. 57th St.; free admission with check-in at the front desk; lib.uchicago.edu*

■ **"Pop-Up Books through the Ages"** runs *March 21-July 15, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St.; free admission; newberry.org*

Art as advocacy: Two openings within a day of each other invite Indigenous artists to reflect upon generational conflicts with state governments. Through a gallery called "No Rest: The Epidemic of Stolen Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2Spirits" and months of affiliated programming, the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian spotlights the crisis of missing and murdered Native American women, rendered invisible again and again by faulty metrics and oversights by law enforcement. Then, the Swedish American Museum opens "Arctic Highways," about the effect of state-imposed borders on Indigenous peoples in Scandinavia and North America.

■ **"No Rest: The Epidemic of Stolen Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2Spirits,"** *Jan. 12-Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston; admission is $7 for adults; $5 for children ages 3-17, seniors, students and education professionals; and free for children under 3 and Native visitors; mitchellmuseum.org*

■ **"Arctic Highways,"** *Jan. 13-April 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at the Swedish American Museum, 5211 N. Clark St.; admission is $6 for adults; $4 for children, seniors and students; and $15 for families; swedishamericanmuseum.org*

A cultural crown jewel: Taking refuge downtown from the cold? Whether just ducking in to kill time or camping out for a longer stay, the Chicago Cultural Center's rotating exhibit roster usually means there's something new to check out. Until Jan. 29, peek inside to learn about architect and Illinois Institute of Technology professor Armel Sagbohan's vision for North Pullman, often secondary to South Pullman in preservation efforts surrounding the historic industrial town. Then, an exhibition on the undersung legacy of Black philanthropists goes on view in the Michigan Avenue galleries starting Feb. 1. *"Pullman: Conscious Revitalization of the Overlooked," through Jan. 29, and "Giving Back: The Soul of Philanthropy Reframed and Exhibited," Feb. 1-April 30, both at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St.; free admission; chicago.gov*

An image circa 1958 from WANN Radio Station Records, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, is part of "The Negro Motorist Green Book" at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. **MARIAN TATUM-WEBB**

The (actual) Green Book: The rise of the automobile age brought with it the rise of the road trip as an American pastime. For white people, that is; Black travelers in particular encountered roads fraught with peril, never knowing which hotels, restaurants and gas stations were safe to visit. With the help of his Postal Service colleagues and submissions from readers, Victor Hugo Green compiled a list of safe towns and businesses in his "Negro Motorist Green Book," republished annually from 1936 to 1966. This exhibition at the Illinois Holocaust Museum uses "Green Book" editions and other related artifacts as a lens through which to examine the Jim Crow South, the second wave of the Great Migration and the rise of a Black middle class in America. Expect a more thorough account of Black motor travel than the feel-good 2018 film named after Green's guide. "The Negro Motorist Green Book," *Jan. 29-April 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Mondays at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie; admission is $12-$18 for adults, $8 or under for students and kids; ilholocaustmuseum.org*

Snapshots of Polish American life: Jan Stanislaw Zawiliski, an influential man-about-town who worked for the Polish National Alliance, took up photography as a hobbyist while living in Chicago's Polish Downtown, centered at Polonia Triangle in West Town. A few blocks away from the plaza, the Polish Museum of America displays its collection of Zawiliński's photos, which document Polish American life in the neighborhood between 1901 and 1924. *"Chicago 1901-1924: Photographs by Jan Zawiliński," March 6-May 30, open for tours 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at the Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave.; admission is $10 for adults, $8.50 for seniors and students; polishmuseumofamerica.org*

Losing our marbles? Not this time: When one encounters Roman sculptures in a museum, they're often displayed as stand-alone works, as if these timeless artworks were merely dusted off and displayed on their original plinths. That, of course, isn't the case, as "Making Sense of Marbles" at the Oriental Institute is quick to remind visitors. All the sculptures on display were unearthed in the same excavation, revealing uncommonly detailed information about their origin and purpose in the ancient city of Ptolemais. *"Making Sense of Marbles," through March 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays at the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, 1155 E. 58th St.; suggested admission fee $10 for adults, $5 for children 12 and under; oi.uchicago.edu*

Heavy is the head ... : How did societies go from farming and chillin' to consolidating power in a single, demi-godlike figure? Through curated artifacts from the Balkans and Central Europe, "First Kings of Europe," a collaborative exhibition between southeast European and North American institutions, illustrates the emergence of social inequality in those cultures. *"First Kings of Europe," March 31-Jan. 28, 2024, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Field Museum, 1400 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive; $18-$42 adults, discounts available for children and seniors; fieldmuseum.org*

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CHICAGO WINTER ARTS 2023 COMEDY

Sarah Silverman, the King of Rant and a reopened iO Theater

Chicago Tribune

Sarah Silverman will be in Chicago at the Chicago Theatre in February. **ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

As with our previous lists for comedy in Chicago, we sweat not over what we're including, but what we didn't. So be it. Around the Chicago area from now through early spring, in rough order of appearance and some essential Chicago-area clubs:

"Do the Right Thing, No Worries If Not": If you've been away for a while from Second City, writes the Tribune's Chris Jones in his four-star review, this is a good moment to return. The sketch comedy revue now on the mainstage has a new breakout star in Evan Mills and a connection with the audience in a way that's been missing for a while. *Open run at The Second City, 1616 N. Wells St.; secondcity.com*

Kevin Nealon: He's still best known for his nine years on "Saturday Night Live" where his standout moments included hosting the "Weekend Update" desk and (get tickets) his character Mr. Subliminal (very funny). He's joined at City Winery by Chicago comic and Laugh Factory regular Kristen Toomey. *Jan. 27-28 at City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St.; citywinery.com*

Patti Vasquez: Comedy isn't the only thing on her Chicago-famous resume: WGN radio host, actor, candidate for 19th District state house seat. She's making time for her longtime love of standup on a packed Laugh Factory calendar. *7 p.m. Jan. 29 at Laugh Factory, 3175 N. Broadway; laughfactory.com/chicago*

Sarah Silverman: This new "Grow Some Lips" tour is the first for the Emmy Award-winning comedian, actress, writer and podcaster since the pandemic, with Chicago currently one of just 14 stops. Silverman otherwise continues her weekly "Sarah Silverman Podcast" and recently wrapped production on Netflix's upcoming film "Maestro" with Bradley Cooper, about composer Leonard Bernstein. She's playing the Chicago Theatre. (Also at the Chicago Theatre, Chris D'Elia Feb. 25 and Chicago's own Pat McGann headlining in April). *7 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.; msg.com*

Den Theatre: At the heart of this theater complex in Wicker Park is the Heath Mainstage with an impressive lineup of touring comics, including a return for Jacqueline Novak and her much-acclaimed show "Get on Your Knees" (Feb. 1-2), Shuler King (Feb. 10-11), the outspoken TikTok favorite Ashley Gavin (Feb. 23-25) and a return for actor, comic and "Saturday Night Live" alum Janeane Garofalo (March 10-11). *Den Theatre, 1331 N. Milwaukee Ave.; thedentheatre.com*

Adam Sandler: After his "SNL" stint, he went on to a list of movies too long to mention, many of them popular and some of them even good. *7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the United Center, 901 W. Madison St.; ticketmaster.com*

Jeff Dye: He starred in the NBC series "Better Late Than Never" with William Shatner, Henry Winkler, Terry Bradshaw and George Foreman and has been a guest judge on "The Masked Singer." He plays Zanies in both Rosemont and downtown. (Also upcoming at Zanies, April Macie Feb. 9-11 and Paul Virzi in March.) *7 p.m. Feb. 16 at Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place; rosemont.zanies.com and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Feb. 17-18 at Zanies Chicago, 1548 N. Wells St.; chicago.zanies.com*

iO Theater: The longtime home of Chicago improv is up and running again with new owners on Kingsbury Street — and new this January, iO is also resuming in-person classes. But it's the shows, especially long-form improv, that iO is known for, with a packed schedule of teams and titles both familiar — "The Armando Diaz Experience" — and new. *At iO Theater, 1501 N. Kingsbury St.; ioimprov.com*

Trixie and Katya: You may know them as drag queens Trixie Mattel and Katya Zamolodchikova, from their comedy television series and the seventh season of "RuPaul's Drag Race." Last at the Auditorium a year ago, they're back with a new show "The Bald and the Beautiful." *8 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; auditoriumtheatre.org*

Chicago Improv: The comedy club in west suburban Schaumburg has a boldface list of comics this spring, including Christopher Titus (Feb. 24-26), Adele Givens (March 3-5), T.J. Miller (April 6-8) and Marlon Wayans for two runs in April. *At Chicago Improv, 5 Woodfield Road in Woodfield Mall K120B, Schaumburg; improv.com/chicago*

Tim Allen: His roles have spanned from Buzz Lightyear to "The Santa Clauses," but be advised this Allen is his ages-18+ show version. (Also at the Genesee, Dane Cook in April.) *7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan; geneseetheatre.com*

Lewis Black: The comic known as the King of Rant, and also Anger in the Pixar film "Inside Out," brings his "Off the Rails 2023" tour to Skokie. (Also at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, Paula Poundstone April 1 and Paul Reiser April 15.) *8 p.m. March 24-45 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; northshorecenter.org*

Felipe Esparza: The "Last Comic Standing" winner and podcast host of "What's Up Fool?" is back in Chicago. (Also at The Vic, Noel Miller Feb. 1.) *7 p.m. April 21 at The Vic Theatre, 3145 N Sheffield Ave.; jamusa.com/venues/the-vic*

Jo Koy: This 2023 world tour, which takes the Filipino comedian across the U.S., Europe, Australia and New Zealand, stops in Chicago in April. Koy recently starred in the movie "Easter Sunday," a comedy that drew on his life experiences growing up in a loud but loving Filipino family and his stand-up largely pulls from the inspiration. *8 p.m. April 7 at the United Center, 901 W. Madison St.; ticketmaster.com*

Filmmaker Jennifer Reeder, at her home in Hammond, Indiana, on Jan. 16. **VINCENT D. JOHNSON/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Phillips

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house." There, the key figures in the story — Jonny, played by Kiah McKirnan ("Mare of Easttown"), and her aunt, played by Alicia Silverstone ("Clueless" and, more recently, "American Horror Stories") — set the stakes.

Reeder's short and longer works have been largely what she calls "genre-adjacent." Not full-on conventional horror or supernatural thriller projects. Instead, they're eerie, corkscrewy variations pulling from thriller, horror, coming-of-age and other idioms.

"Perpetrator" is different, she says. It's more cognizant of what subscribers to the Shudder streaming platform (where it will stream, following its festival and hoped-for theatrical runs) want in a movie about a shape-shifting teenager on the hunt for whoever's hunting young women in her school.

What does *not* feel different to Reeder these days? Well, how about the latest 2023 awards season nomination announcement, with yet another all-male lineup in the directing ranks, as if it were 1983 all over again? Golden Globes — zero female directors nominated. Directors Guild of America — same. No Sarah Polley for "Women Talking," no Gina Prince-Bythewood for "The Woman King," no Chinonye Chukwu for "Till" or Charlotte Wells for "Aftersun."

Excerpts from our conversation in Reeder's kitchen in Hammond, Indiana, edited for length and clarity:

Phillips: Jennifer, you can argue with me, but 2022 felt to me inarguably full of strong work in many directions for women behind the camera. Yet here we are. For a while, it seemed like the awards-season runway was getting a little bit wider, but the recent nominations —

Reeder: Right? Sadly I feel the runway hasn't gotten much wider. And I think you have to look at what's happening in a larger sense around, you name it, women's reproductive rights and any number of other reminders of how many powerful people still don't look at women as equals. That thinking trickles down to all sorts of places, storytelling included. Who gets to tell what story, who gets to make the movies, who gets nominated — they're all part of that.

Most female writer-directors have to reinvent themselves with every project. And women who have gained access to bigger opportunities, bigger budgets, their work is still held to a different standard. I mean, people were scrutinizing Patty Jenkins' "Wonder Woman" films in a way they just weren't scrutinizing the latest "Spider-Man" or "Iron Man." Same with Chloé Zhao on Marvel's "Eternals."

Phillips: I talked to Nia DaCosta about her version of "Candyman." She intimated that she got less interference from Marvel on "The Marvels," oddly enough, the movie she was making when we talked, than she did with a much smaller budget on "Candyman." There was a clear sense that the producers' horror genre expectations were not being delivered by her take. And who knows, it probably wasn't splurchy enough for an audience that basically wanted the old "Candyman" again.

Reeder: After I made "Knives and Skin," WTFilms asked what I wanted to do next. And I told them I really wanted to make a proper genre film. I'd been thinking about something that (deals) with a shape-shifter, a wild, out-of-control girl who becomes *really* wild and out of control. And the man who was my French sales agent on "Knives and Skin" said, "Well, I want to help you make that film!" I thought, well, that's great, but that'll probably be the last of that. But a week later, we got started. So I've been lucky to find people supportive of my vision.

Phillips: Is there some comfort in micro- or low-budget filmmaking, in that a film doesn't have to become this year's "breakout discovery" in order to get your producing partners interested in backing the next one?

Reeder: Absolutely. But, you know, I like the idea of bigger budgets. I like the idea of a giant budget! Someday. On "Perpetrator" I'm putting more pressure on myself. I'd like this one to ensure triple the budget next time. I've got ambitions to shoot elsewhere (outside Chicago). The budget we ended up with on this project meant I had to make a director pass on the script, with an eye toward what we could afford, which meant consolidating some characters, things like that. But that kind of streamlining often makes for a better story.

Phillips: Awards exist outside the actual process of filmmaking, and I suppose they're essentially barnacles that occasionally do some good to call people's attention to work they might not otherwise see. But then you look at —

Reeder: I mean, look no further than the Golden Globes. And it's kind of true of the Independent Spirit Awards this year. I love the success of Charlotte Wells' "Aftersun", and "Nanny" was nominated for a "breakout" award, which is nice. But that doesn't really recognize what an accomplishment that film is. I'm curious to see if the Academy Awards will be a case of, OK, three women have won directing Oscars now in roughly a century. Two of them happened to win back-to-back (Chloé Zhao for "Nomadland" and Jane Campion for "The Power of the Dog"). So that's enough for now! (Oscar nominations are announced Jan. 24.)

Also, we should look at what kind of work gets recognized in those cases. "Nomadland" and "The Power of the Dog" are real accomplishments but they're sort of quieter, headier films. Is that where people want women to stay? To just tell their smart, quiet stories and not get too weird, or too radical, or too racial, or too whatever?

I don't know. I hope that's not the case.

I keep looking for a really good action movie script to direct. Last year I was sent a lot of scripts that were all basically "Stranger Things"-meets-Blah-Blah-Blah. And then I got a lot of: "What if Clarice Starling from 'Silence of the Lambs' did dot-dot-dot." Rookie FBI agents, written by men. And the most difficult part of the (female protagonist's) personality is she comes home one night and drinks too many beers. No sex life; always a traumatizing childhood; the same story, over and over. That's what some of these guys think women are good for. And I thought, well, none of these scripts feel right for me.

So I think, for now, I'll just write my own action movie.

"Perpetrator" makes its world premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival Feb. 16-26.

Michael Phillips is a Tribune critic.

Kiah McKirnan stars as a shape-shifting teenager in "Perpetrator." **WTFILMS**

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REVIEW 'MISSING' ★★ ½

Gripping sequel examines role of our online personas

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

Storm Reid, left, as June and Megan Suri as her friend Veena in the thriller "Missing." **SONY PICTURES**

In 2018, director Aneesh Chaganty and co-writer Sev Ohanian turned in a nifty little thriller, "Searching," that commented on the way we live now, which is to say, online. In it, John Cho searches for his missing daughter through her digital detritus, parsing clues that lie in plain sight. The entirety of the film takes place on a computer screen, making use of the way cameras have permeated our everyday existence, from FaceTime to surveillance video.

"Searching" was a critical and commercial success, and a sequel, "Missing," is hitting theaters with a story by Chaganty and Ohanian, and directed by Nick Johnson and Will Merrick, who wrote the screenplay as well. This time, a mother goes missing, and her daughter searches for her, turning up a whole host of new terrors and triumphs of tech and true crime.

Johnson and Merrick utilize the format set by "Searching," but the technological, cultural and media landscape has evolved, including the fire hose of streaming true-crime content; the only time the camera is ever liberated from the laptop screen is during fake-out re-creations from a Netflix true-crime series called "Unfiction." There's also the proliferation of TikTok detectives and Twitter police performing armchair analysis on every missing person case.

If you've seen "Searching," you'll probably have an inkling that the answer will be planted in front of us, but "Missing" takes some wild and crazy twists and turns to arrive at its destination. College-bound June (Storm Reid), 18, just wants to rage with her friends while her mom, Grace (Nia Long), is on vacation in Colombia with her new boyfriend, Kevin (Ken Leung). But when a hungover June rolls into LAX to pick them up a week later, Grace and Kevin are a no-show.

Relying on her impressive Google skills, innate to a digitally native member of Gen Z, June starts searching for her mom, combing through tourist live cams, bank statements and hiring a TaskRabbit-type helper, Javi (Joaquim de Almeida), to do footwork on the ground in Colombia. June is smart, resourceful and bold, and the way she cracks passwords and navigates the maze of information will make anyone think about how much information tracking one should leave toggled on in their Google account. Is it better to leave a trace? Depends on what you're doing.

The swift and suspenseful "Missing" plows through nearly two hours of shocking plot twists at a breakneck pace, and while it's entertaining to be sure, it also takes on a somber tone as it reckons with grief, loss and intimate partner violence in a way that's very real, backed up by headlines ripped from the news, and yes, those true-crime series and TikToks that are so compelling.

That's what makes movies like "Searching" and "Missing" so captivating. They're high-concept thrillers featuring melodramatic acting (Reid is a likable presence, but it's doubtful she'll snag an Independent Spirit Award nomination as Cho did), but they also feel authentic to the way we live, even in the outlandish moments. We experience so much of our reality online, unknowingly scattering artifacts of our lived experience as we click and swipe. But these two films reiterate that despite the pictures, videos, the breadcrumbs of humanity reflected in zeros and ones, there's nothing like the real thing, for better or for worse.

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How to watch: In theaters

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says. "It's intuitive, I suppose, but I love it."

He took his camera to the chaos surrounding the 1968 Democratic Convention and the more sedate 1996 edition. He was shooting photos at various protests and marches over the years. He was at Woodstock. He shot pictures in San Francisco, where he lived for a while. He shot in Mexico. He shot graffiti and gang signs. He shot chillingly intimate photos of drug addicts, and civil rights gatherings, and parades ...

And he shot passengers who rode in his cab. There are dozens of them on the pages of his first book, "Fares: Chicago Taxicab Portraits." It is a feast of faces, some smiling and some dour. Some people are in costumes, some hold children. Black and white; young and old. There is a dog. Some people hold money to pay their fares. Some hold photographs. Many are pretty women.

"I don't take pictures of flowers," he says. "I always got permission to take the cab photos and though some people said no, most seemed maybe flattered."

This book has been long in the making. Koss attended a conference decades ago at the Art Institute where he encountered the famous photographer Richard Avedon. Koss showed him some cab photos and told of his plans for a book of them.

"Avedon said he loved the idea," says Koss. "But when I later asked him for a favorable quote I could use, he turned me down. And the university presses I approached about a book also gave me a 'No.' "

He swallowed his frustration and put his book dreams on hold until last year, when a real estate developer named Perry Casalino came into the picture.

"I saw some of his photos for sale on eBay, photos of the old market on Maxwell Street," said Casalino, who has been collecting art and photography for decades. "That led me to his website and that led me to him."

Casalino visited Koss in his North Side apartment, which is jammed with photos. They are packed in file cabinets, on the walls, in piles.

Casalino, who had previously published books in collaboration with and about other photographers on a fascinating self-publishing platform called Blurb, was immediately grabbed by Koss' taxi cab photos. Together, the pair created this book because, Casalino says, "These are the faces of this city at that time. They are the faces of hardscrabble characters, workers, kids, ladies of the night."

A rider poses with photographer Allan Lee Koss in an image from his book "Fares: Chicago Taxicab Portraits." **ALLAN LEE KOSS**

FARES
CHICAGO
TAXICAB PORTRAITS

Photographer Allan Lee Koss's book "Fares," photographed in his apartment Monday in Chicago.
ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Most of the faces in the book are anonymous, unnamed, though I did recognize the young Koss in a sort of self-portrait; Studs Terkel and his wife Ida; WFMT's Ray Nordstrand; and Eddie Balchowsky, a poet, artist, musician, composer who lost his right hand fighting in the Spanish Civil War as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and was one of our city's great characters.

"It's been remarkable how many people have recognized other people in the book," says Casalino. "I think this book is as much about Allan as it is about the subjects. I think he is a great photographer and I think I have only scratched the surface of his work."

Both men would like to have an exhibition of the photos and I could see such an eye-catching show at some place like the Chicago Cultural Center. Koss has exhibited before at various art fairs.

Koss is currently working on a series of photos he has long been taking from the CTA buses that he rides around the city. He calls this his "From the Bus" series.

Never married, he has spent most of his life working as a building maintenance man and still cares for one building. He turned 80 on Christmas Eve and is vital and active. Self-effacing and shy too.

"Am I an artist? Maybe by default," he says. "I don't know. This book makes me feel that my persistence has been worthwhile. I also make custom frames and there is some art in doing that, I guess."

He walks over to a pile on a table in his apartment, grabs a book from it and shows me an autograph. It is a Studs Terkel book, in which he wrote, long, long ago, "For Allan — Here's to a marvelous cab ride, with a true artist."

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"It's been remarkable how many people have recognized other people in the book. I think this book is as much about Allan as it is about the subjects. I think he is a great photographer and I think I have only scratched the surface of his work."

— *Perry Casalino, art and photography collector*

MY WORST MOMENT ZACH GILFORD

The shoulder grab that went very, very wrong

By Nina Metz | Chicago Tribune

Zach Gilford as Matt Saracen on "Friday Night Lights." **STACIE FREUDENBERG/NBC**

Zach Gilford became a household name playing high school football player Matt Saracen on the TV series "Friday Night Lights." He's become something of a horror specialist these past few years with "The Purge: Anarchy" and shows including "Midnight Mass" and "The Midnight Club," both on Netflix.

Shall we include a serial killer on that list as well? He's playing the main antagonist on this season's "Criminal Minds: Evolution." And he's also starring in the horror movie "There's Something Wrong with the Children."

In that last film, two couples go away together to a cabin in the woods. One couple has young children, who encounter a mysterious place.

"The kids go there, and when they come back they have a mysterious vibe," Gilford said. "And I'm picking up on it, but nobody else is. And slowly it starts to unravel and my character is like, is this real or am I crazy?"

A native of Evanston and a Northwestern alum, Gilford's career has been full of high points. When asked about a moment that felt the opposite, that stands out as cringey or awkward, he told a story about shooting a specific scene for "Friday Night Lights."

"Lucky for me, my worst moment was kind of hilarious," he said. "But it was definitely the most embarrassing moment of my life."

My worst moment ...

"When I say I've been lucky, I mean that I've never found myself in a moment where I was treated unwell or in a disrespectful way. You sometimes hear all these horror stories about Hollywood, and there is that side of it. But I've been so fortunate in that every actor, every director, every producer I've ever worked with has been respectful and kind and fun. Because we're all just playing make-believe for a living, and most people in this business get that.

"All that being said, my worst moment was on Season 3, I think it was, of 'Friday Night Lights.' I had a scene with Louanne Stephens, who played my grandmother. In real life, we developed such an amazing relationship. She sends birthday and Christmas gifts to my kids. They call her Grandma Saracen. We feel very close.

"I think part of what that relationship was to the audience became something similar in real life because we really did have a special bond. She lived in Dallas, and when she would come down to Austin (to film) she would bring newspaper clippings if I was in the Dallas papers, which was just the sweetest thing.

"She's also the coolest, funniest woman.

"Anyway, we're doing this scene that's pretty dramatic for her, where she's getting in her car and it starts to move and she hits her head and there's blood. She's crying and hysterical because her character has early-onset dementia, and I run over and I make sure she's OK.

"So we're doing the scene. She falls. I run over to grab her and I go to roll her over. I'm supposed to grab her by the shoulder.

"And I accidentally grabbed her boob. And I'm like, *oh my god*. I release my grip.

"But she's in a big scene and she was still *in* it, so I was still in it, and we did the rest of the scene: 'Grandma, are you OK?'

"In my brain, this is what I was thinking: This scene is about Louanne and she's not reacting to my accidental grab, so I don't want to stop and make everything about me and 'I'm so sorry,' blah, blah, blah. Because you're thinking: Is this scene about me or somebody else? If it's about somebody else, you want to give whatever you can. So if she didn't notice, then I didn't notice! I'll just stay in the scene.

"So I'm like: I don't think she noticed, she was probably so into the scene. *Phew*.

"We get through the scene and they yell cut. And because it was technically a stunt, the assistant director was like: 'OK, cut. Great. Is everyone all right?'

"And Louanne says in front of the whole crew who I have been working with for years: 'Yeah, I'm fine. It was a little uncomfortable when Zach grabbed my boob, but other than that I'm OK.'

"Apparently she *did* notice but also decided to stay in the scene. And I'm just like: *Oh my god*. She was totally just messing with me *(laughs)*. I can't imagine what shade of red I turned. A hundred people are laughing at me.

"And then there were hours of jokes afterward about me being a granny molester. And she laughed so hard. And for weeks she would bring it up: 'Just watch my boobs, OK?' And I would be like, *oh my god*.

"I think that was the last take, which was fortunate that I didn't have to do it again and worry about being super cautious and worried about not grabbing her boob *(laughs)*.

"It's interesting that she wasn't like, 'Whoa, whoa, that took me out of the scene!' But she was just so in it, she kept going. So I kept going.

"But she got me back for it *(laughs)*. She wasn't fazed in the least.She just knew I would be embarrassed, and why pass up that opportunity? When it's good-natured making someone embarrassed? It's the best."

Did Gilford watch the episode?

"I did and I probably cringed. I watched everything once, so that was before it was on Netflix. I would have it on my DVR and watch it that night or the next day — and then not really again. Actually Scott Porter, who played Jason Street, reached out to me because someone wants us to do a re-watch podcast, so I'm re-watching the show now for the first time in 10 years.

"There's a lot of roles I've done that I've never even watched; I was there. I know what we did, I know how we shot it, I don't need to watch it, I know what it's going to look like.

"But it's nice going back to this one. It's nice watching it and going, 'This was *good!*' I'm proud of it still. It's not just because it was my big break and critics loved it and whatever. It holds up.

"The worst thing I could say about it is my haircut. What was I doing with my hair? But he was a high school football Texas kid. But that's my only complaint.

"My wife actually had never watched the show, and when I started the re-watch, she watched the first two with me and she turned to me and was like, 'This show is *good.*' And my wife is from the Midwest, so that's a big compliment!

"I haven't gotten to the episode in question yet, so I'm wondering if I'll be able to clock on my face if they used the boob take or not."

The takeaway ...

"*(Laughs)* You know, I'd love to have a great takeaway. But this was just a super embarrassing moment.

"I'll be honest, I'm embarrassed all the time. In rehearsals, I don't act. I kind of just say the words because I'm embarrassed to be acting because I feel silly. At least if the cameras are rolling and everybody knows this is what we're doing — we're recording it, Zach's gotta act, OK, I'll act now — but I'm too embarrassed in rehearsals to do what I'm going to do.

"But even when the cameras are rolling, it's a little embarrassing. We're actors, we're all completely insecure. So you're always sitting there thinking: Does everybody think I suck? If you're supposed to be funny, you're like: Was it funny or do I just think it's funny and everybody is rolling their eyes? If you're supposed to be dramatic, you're like: Does everyone think that was over the top?

"And there are probably people on the crew who have every feeling about you. So you do it the best that you can and roll with it.

"But if I ever had to do a scene like that again, I'll just be very cautious of where my hands are."

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REVIEW 'TURN EVERY PAGE' ★★★ ½

Charmed doc details longtime dance between writer, editor

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

Robert Caro, left, and Robert Gottlieb in "Turn Every Page."
SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Civil wars over punctuation and heated debate over word choice would not seem like the stuff of a gripping big-screen movie.

But make no mistake about it, "Turn Every Page," about the half-century relationship between author Robert Caro and his longtime editor, Robert Gottlieb, is as much a rock 'em, sock 'em clash of heavyweights as found in any blockbuster — just one where the protagonists happen to quote from "King Lear" and Homer's "Iliad."

"He does the work. I do the cleanup. Then we fight," says Gottlieb in the documentary directed by daughter Lizzie Gottlieb.

Gottlieb, who has edited Toni Morrison, Charles Portis, Salman Rushdie and many others, is exaggerating, of course. "Turn Every Page" is not about foes, though it's harder to say if it's about friends.

Since Caro's seminal Robert Moses history "The Power Broker," they have been locked in a relationship of mutual dedication — to literature and history, but, above all, to the details. Their journey together started in 1973, when Caro dropped a million-word manuscript on Gottlieb, who knew, 15 pages in, that it was a masterpiece.

"Turn Every Page" is one of the finest films you'll see about the craft of editing — not that there are many of those. Gottlieb, warmly erudite, describes what he does as "a service job" of finding "what will be helpful, what will serve" the text and the writer. But it should be with a strong opinion, he says: "There has to be an equality."

On Caro's request, they aren't interviewed together here. But as Lizzie toggles between each subject, her film leans on their similarities and parallel courses, sustaining the balance of writer-editor back-and-forth. They are both Manhattan men of letters with considerable longevity (Caro is 87, Gottlieb 91). They are each authorities on the power centers of New York — Caro in his investigation of Moses, and Gottlieb as the former chief of Alfred A. Knopf, Simon & Schuster and The New Yorker.

And they are each driven by obsession. Caro can't help researching every scrap of paper on Lyndon B. Johnson. (He remains at work on the fifth and final volume of "The Years of Lyndon Johnson"). Gottlieb is a voracious reader ("It had never occurred to me to be anything except a reader," he says) who has a hobby collecting women's handbags.

Caro's fifth LBJ volume is to be their last book together. The question of whether they'll live to see it finished, you could say, looms over "Turn Every Page," as do past battles over the overuse of some of Caro's favored words. Disagreements about semicolons are spoken of like Union generals recalling Antietam.

It is delicious to listen to these war stories, just as it is chastening to hear of their battle wounds. There may be no more haunting scene in movies this year than Caro describing the pain of cutting 350,000 words — enough for two or three more books — from "The Power Broker." You believe him when he says it was the hardest thing he's ever gone through in his life, just as you grasp the immense toil behind his sprawling histories when Caro says, "Writing, for me, anyway, is hard." That Gottlieb deeply understands and respects this struggle is surely part of his bond with Caro or any writer.

In the film's sweet finale, Caro and Gottlieb finally let Lizzie film them working together over a manuscript. But (again by Caro's request) she's not allowed to record any sound of their conversation. Their interaction passes like a dance — not as dazzling, perhaps, as one of Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds' routines, but, in its humble way, just as stirring.

MPA rating: PG (some language, brief war images and smoking)
Running time: 1:52
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A Barnes & Noble bookstore at Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center before its opening Nov. 16. **PAM DEFIGLIO/PIONEER PRESS**

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A return to Barnes & Noble

The retailer has embraced its core product: books

By John Warner
For Chicago Tribune

Until just this week, the last time I set foot in a Barnes & Noble bookstore was December of 2019.

For years, I had used B&N as my main source for books, and it was also one of my favorite alternate workplaces. Give me a hot chocolate and one of those melt-in-your-mouth sugar cookies, plus some noise-canceling headphones and I was good for a few hours of the old tippy tappy on the keyboard. It was a particularly good place to write this column, as when it came time to make the recommendations I could go to the aisles and wander around until inspiration struck. I'd almost never leave without a new purchase.

I had good reasons for it being years between visits to Barnes & Noble. For one, the pandemic. Additionally, after an independent store opened near my house, I made a New Year's reading resolution to only purchase books from independent booksellers, a pledge I have remained faithful to without a sweat.

Mostly, though, I had lost the love I once had for the store. In a 2018 visit, the most prominent display inside the door was not a ziggurat of new releases, but a bin of wool socks and scarves. This is in Charleston, South Carolina, where I live, mind you.

I revisited the store a year later, my last visit until this week, following the installation of new CEO James Daunt, who had previously turned around the moribund Waterstones chain in the UK, and who pledged to bring Barnes & Noble back to its core as a bookstore. Things had definitely improved since 2019, but not so much that my full fervor returned, and then ... the pandemic.

Having no pent-up desire to see the old haunt, I haven't been back.

But after reading a piece by Ted Gioia in his newsletter, The Honest Broker, extolling the virtues of his local Barnes & Noble reborn according to James Daunt's vision, I had to go check things out for myself.

Gioia notes that against all expectations, Barnes & Noble is now profitable, and planning on opening 30 new stores, even as mighty Amazon has shuttered their (truly terrible) brick-and-mortar outlets.

The trick to success is no trick at all. Rather than imitating a gift store with socks up front, the stores now emphasize B&N's core product: books.

This is true at the franchise I visited, where a two-sided wall of new releases in general fiction, mystery and suspense invites you in for immediate scanning of the overwhelmingly face-out books. The face-out strategy is repeated in just about every section and makes browsing significantly more rewarding.

Even as someone who tries to keep up with what's new, I saw several titles I wasn't even aware of, including a generous number of works in translation, something I never would've seen outside highly established authors previously.

I recognized the same old carpet and tile, but with all those books, things really seemed fresher. I could see Gioia's point. That said, deeper in I found a (relatively small) display of socks and a small tower of Funko figurines, but these at least were not nearly as voluminous as before.

I'm glad to see Barnes & Noble thriving. That they're doing well by being a bookstore is icing on the cake.

I didn't buy any books, as I said, I'm loyal to indies, but that sugar cookie was every bit as good as I remembered.

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. **"Lonesome Dove"** by Larry McMurtry
2. **"The Stories of John Cheever"** by John Cheever
3. **"The Killer Angels"** by Michael Shaara
4. **"102 Minutes: The Untold Story of the Fight To Survive Inside the Twin Towers"** by Jim Dwyer and Kevin Flynn
5. **"Left for Dead: My Journey Home from Everest"** by Beck Weathers and Stephen G. Michaud

— Ralph G., Glencoe

Ralph likes a good adventure story, so I'm going to try to deliver with "Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II" by Robert Kurson.

1. **"A Slow Fire Burning"** by Paula Hawkins
2. **"Less Is Lost"** by Andrew Sean Greer
3. **"Joan Is Okay"** by Weike Wang
4. **"Vladimir"** by Julia May Jonas
5. **"The Consequences"** by Manuel Muñoz

— Beth S., Ann Arbor, Michigan

Beth needs something with both wit and bite, which brings to mind Lisa Lutz and her somewhat overlooked 2022 title, "The Accomplice."

1. **"Record of a Spaceborn Few"** by Becky Chambers
2. **"Edgedancer"** by Brandon Sanderson
3. **"The 6:20 Man"** by David Baldacci
4. **"Circe"** by Madeline Miller
5. **"Hart's War"** by John Katzenbach

— Lee Ann C., Lisle

The marketing copy calls Lincoln Michel's "The Body Scout" a "sci-fi thriller," but truly I don't know to what genre this book belongs. Strange and original, and I think Lee Ann will enjoy it.

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What to watch

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All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

NFL Playoffs: Divisional Playoffs

CBS & FOX, Beginning at 2 p.m. Live

The Cincinnati Bengals visit the Buffalo Bills on CBS, and the Dallas Cowboys are at the San Francisco 49ers on FOX. The winners advance to next Sunday's conference championship games.

The Clue to Love

UPtv, 6 p.m. ■ **Original Film**

Audrey Harper (Rachel Bles) heads to Hope Cove to write about the anonymous Ask Aunt Hope, a love advice column that is a mainstay of the town's local newspaper. There, she meets the paper's charming and handsome editor in chief, Morgan Cooper (Travis Milne), who helps her uncover the true identity of "Aunt Hope."

Miss Scarlet and the Duke

PBS, 7 p.m.

In the episode "Hotel St. Marc," Eliza (Kate Phillips) is on the trail of a notorious con man and tracks him down to a hotel in a remote part of France. She believes she has finally caught Scotland Yard's most wanted man, but she is not the only hotel guest who wants to claim the reward.

'Accused'

STEVE WILKIE, FOX

Accused

FOX, 8 p.m. ■ **New Series**

Each stand-alone episode of this new anthology series opens in a courtroom on the accused without knowing their crime or how they ended up on trial. Told from the defendant's point of view, the drama reveals how an ordinary person became caught up in an extraordinary situation as one wrong turn led to another. Guest stars include Michael Chiklis, Abigail Breslin, Rachel Bilson, Margo Martindale, Malcolm-Jamal Warner, Wendell Pierce and Keith Carradine. Following tonight's premiere, the series airs Tuesdays beginning Jan. 24.

All Creatures Great and Small

PBS, 8 p.m.

In "Surviving Siegfried," Siegfried's (Samuel West) World War I experiences resurface as he struggles to save a racehorse. Meanwhile, Helen (Rachel Shenton) faces a decision over James' (Nicholas Ralph) TB testing plan.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'Lawless'

RICHARD FOREMAN JR., SMPSP

Smokey and the Bandit (1977, Comedy) Burt Reynolds, Sally Field **CMT, 5 p.m.**

Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls (2007, Romance) Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba **VH1, 5:30 p.m.**

Arctic Dogs (2019, Children) Jeremy Renner, Heidi Klum **Disney, 6 p.m.**

Christine (1983, Horror) Keith Gordon, John Stockwell **AMC, 6 p.m.**

The Martian (2015, Science fiction) Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain **FXM, 6:30 p.m.**

50 First Dates (2004, Romance-comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore **E!, 7 p.m.**

Iron Man (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard **ABC, 7 p.m.**

Love & Basketball (2000, Romance) Sanaa Lathan, Omar Epps **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Lawless (2012, Crime drama) Shia LaBeouf, Tom Hardy **Vice, 8:30 p.m.**

Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain (2013, Comedy) Kevin Hart **BET, 9 p.m.**

Old School (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell **Comedy Central, 9 p.m.**

Star Wars: A New Hope (1977, Science fiction) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford **TBS, 9 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

Jury Duty

TCM, Beginning at 7 p.m.

In real life, many of us may grumble a bit when called upon to serve on jury duty and might find the process dull. But in the world of the movies, stories and scenes focused on juries can offer plenty of dramatic excitement and suspense, as evidenced in tonight's double feature on Turner Classic Movies. First up is the most famous film focused on a jury: the 1957 Best Picture Oscar-nominated **12 Angry Men (pictured).** Best Director nominee Sidney Lumet's tense courtroom drama takes us into the deliberations of jury members (given the era, the jury is composed entirely of 12 white men) in a New York City murder trial. When Juror 8 (Henry Fonda, also a producer) is initially the only one who expresses a skeptical caution, the others are frustrated even as they are forced to more carefully consider the evidence before jumping to a hasty verdict. Lee J. Cobb, Ed Begley, E.G. Marshall and Jack Warden co-star. Second on tonight's double bill is **Perfect Strangers** (1950), a romantic drama starring Ginger Rogers and Dennis Morgan as a divorcee and a married man who fall in love while serving on a sequestered jury during a murder trial.

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From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

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Call ghostwriter when talent, discretion needed

Collaborators pen books in someone else's voice, don't leave fingerprints

By Elizabeth A. Harris
The New York Times

KATHLEEN FU/THE NEW YORK TIMES

The cover of Prince Harry's new memoir has a simple design: a close-up of his familiar face, looking calm and resolute behind a ginger beard. His name is at the top of the frame, and the title, "Spare," is at the bottom.

What the cover does not include is the name of the book's ghostwriter, J.R. Moehringer.

Perhaps the most exalted practitioner of a little understood craft, Moehringer aims, ultimately, to disappear. Ghostwriters channel someone else's voice — often, someone else's very recognizable voice — and construct with it a book that has shape and texture, narrative arc and memorable characters, all without leaving fingerprints. Doing it well requires a tremendous amount of technical skill and an ego that is, at a minimum, flexible.

"If I'm a great collaborative writer, I am a vessel," said Michelle Burford, who has written books with broadcaster Robin Roberts, actor Cicely Tyson and musician Alicia Keys. "The lion's share of my job is about getting out of the way, vanishing so the voice of my client can come through as clearly as possible."

The way she explains it to her clients, she said, is that they provide the raw materials to build a house, and she puts it together, brick by brick.

"You own the bricks," she said she tells them. "But you — and there should be no shame in this — don't have the skill set to actually erect the building."

The process can vary widely from writer to writer and project to project. There are writers who push hard to have their names on the cover, and those who never do. Sometimes writers who don't agree with their subjects expressly request that their name be left off.

Fees can range from about $50,000 to hundreds of thousands of dollars. There is even little agreement on what to call a ghostwriter; some strongly prefer the term "collaborator," because they think "ghost" implies something shifty about the arrangement, or that the subject — generally, the "author" in contractual language — had nothing to do with the finished product.

"Authors run the gamut from someone who is a complete control freak and has to approve every semicolon to those who barely phone it in," said Madeleine Morel, an agent who specializes in matching book projects with ghostwriters. "And when you start working with someone, you don't know where they're going to fall on that curve."

Often a writer will meet the subject only a few times, then follow up with phone calls, emails and texts. Others say that in order to get enough of a sense of the person to capture on the page, they need at least a few dozen hours in the presence of a client, sitting together in a room or shadowing the daily routines of the subject's public and private lives.

To write Andre Agassi's memoir, "Open," Moehringer moved to Las Vegas, where Agassi lived. Agassi said he bought a house a mile away from his own, and Moehringer occupied it for two years while he worked on the book. All the writer requested was a long table where he could lay out the scenes he'd piece together "like a necklace," Agassi recalled. They'd meet in the morning, fueled by breakfast burritos from Whole Foods.

"I'd spend a couple of hours with him over breakfast and a tape recorder," Agassi said.

"Open" is widely considered a paragon of sports autobiographies — a raw and honest excavation of a well-known life. Agassi said he sought out Moehringer to write the book after reading Moehringer's memoir, "The Tender Bar," about growing up with a single mother.

"It was the first autobiography I'd read that didn't feel like a global press conference," Agassi said.

A former newspaper reporter who won a Pulitzer Prize for feature writing, Moehringer has a reputation for intense work habits — he rarely sleeps when finishing a book — along with a good sense of humor and strong opinions about the projects he works on, even if they ultimately belong to somebody else. Like any reliably employed ghostwriter, Moehringer is also known for his discretion.

Agassi said Moehringer asked the hard questions needed to help him dig deeper but that he felt safe throughout the process; the honesty that resulted from their collaboration is part of what made the memoir so highly regarded.

"He's half-psychiatrist," Phil Knight, a founder of Nike, said of Moehringer, who collaborated on his memoir, "Shoe Dog." "He gets you to say things you really didn't think you would."

Burford said a significant part of her job is making her clients comfortable by creating the right circumstances for them to open up. She doesn't interview them, she said, but tries to have normal conversations. She broaches delicate subjects in phone calls late at night, she said, when clients can curl up on the couch, maybe feeling like they're "talking to a stranger on the bus." She will also try to mirror her clients: If they show up in a T-shirt and jeans, she'll dress casually as well.

"I'm often working across racial lines and gender lines," she said, "and anything I can do to make us feel more alike than different is helpful to the collaborative process. So if you're coming in with bed head, I'm coming in with bed head and no makeup."

For a long time, any book written by a ghostwriter was dismissed as merchandise. Many potential readers still might consider a book with an additional writing credit on the cover to be less intimate, as if the collaborator was a barrier between the reader and the subject.

The fact is that most people don't have the time or the ability to write a good book, practitioners said.

"Writing is a technical skill," said Jon Sternfeld, whose collaborations include a bestselling memoir by actor Michael K. Williams. "People don't give it the technical credit it deserves."

In recent years, the stigma has started to melt away, in part because some of these books, like "Open," are very good.

"The analogy I always draw is, in the old days, nobody would ever admit to internet dating, and now everybody talks about it," said Morel. "In the old days, nobody would ever admit to working with a ghostwriter or collaborator, and now it's accepted, by and large."

Although the stigma has lessened, it is not gone. There are public figures who take more credit for the writing than they should, publishing professionals say, and celebrities who insist they wrote a book all by themselves when they didn't.

Agassi, on the other hand, said he wanted to put Moehringer's name on the cover of "Open."

"One of my strengths is knowing my weaknesses," Agassi said. "Doing a craft like I did for so long at the highest level, you understand the difference between the best and the rest."

But Moehringer declined such public credit, Agassi said. He preferred to disappear.

US in a 'crisis of care,' doctor argues in mental health book

By Hannah Furfaro
The Seattle Times

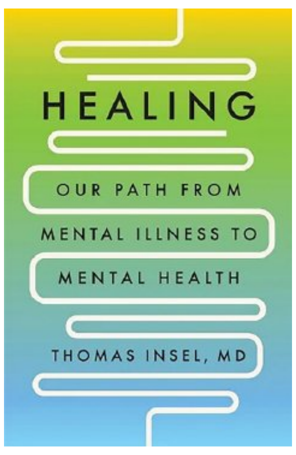
In Dr. Thomas Insel's latest book about the mental health crisis in the United States, he makes the stakes plain.

"Recovery is both a goal for an individual and a necessity for healing the soul of our nation," he writes in "Healing: Our Path from Mental Illness to Mental Health."

Insel, the former longtime head of the National Institute of Mental Health and one of the country's leading neuroscientists and psychiatrists, argues that we're witnessing a "crisis of care": Most people with mental illnesses aren't receiving treatment. Mental health care isn't delivered effectively. And instead of focusing on prevention or recovery, the system is geared toward caring for people once they're already in crisis.

The result, he writes, is that those with mental illnesses continue to live as "a people apart."

This interview with Insel has been edited for clarity and length.



'Healing'
By Thomas Insel; Penguin Press, 336 pages, $28.

Q: Over the past 60 years, we've witnessed what you call "undeniable" progress in our understanding of mental illness and the development of treatments. Why aren't outcomes improving?

A: They've actually gotten worse. So, what's going on? The people who could and should be in care don't get it until they're very ill and they're in an emergency room. Whenever you have a crisis, it's because you've failed in some way upstream. The other part is making sure they get high-quality care. That actually does make a difference. I maintain that we have good stuff to offer. People just don't get it.

Q: In your book, you talk about how the mental health crisis is also a crisis of community, economics and politics. What do you mean by that?

A: The reason why we have a sense that there's a crisis isn't because there's a huge amount of increase in the prevalence (of serious mental illness). It's because there's been a huge decrease in care. (Another) big problem here is not just access, it's getting people engaged in care. The big needs are around building capacity, figuring out how to solve the engagement problem and improving the quality of care. We need to do a better job on accountability. Actually measuring outcomes and making sure that providers are held accountable for those kinds of outcomes. Not only providers, but leaders, governments (should be) held to outcomes: reducing incarceration, reducing homelessness, reducing suicide. There are really some remarkably profound needs that we just don't track the way we track many other medical outcomes.

Q: What role should communities play in people's recovery from mental illness or substance use disorders?

A: … The public health wizards in the country will tell you that health outcomes are only about 10 percent related to health care. It's not like how many pills you're on, or how many clinic visits you have. It's where you live, who you live with, what you live for, how you live. And we don't consider that health. We have to redefine what we mean by health care. It's providing what I call the "three P's": people, place and purpose. Social support, safe havens like clubhouses and good housing. And then giving people something to live for, something to recover for, whether that's work or school or a chance to help others who are going through the same thing through becoming peers. There's just so much we can do here.

Q: What has the pandemic taught us about community willingness to rally around public health crises?

A: … You'll find that mental health has bipartisan support. Everyone is getting a greater sense, through the pandemic, that this is really an issue that does need attention, especially for young people. How well can we come together to solve that? To what extent is America in a place where it wants to join forces? I don't know. It's difficult to see that sense of mission or commitment. We've gotten really sidetracked by so many issues, so much misinformation. We're in a difficult place. If we could make a commitment to the people who had the greatest needs, which are those people with serious mental illness, it could be healing for all of us. It's not just a matter of healing them. It's a matter of healing us.

BOOK REVIEWS

Sisters try to heal childhood wounds

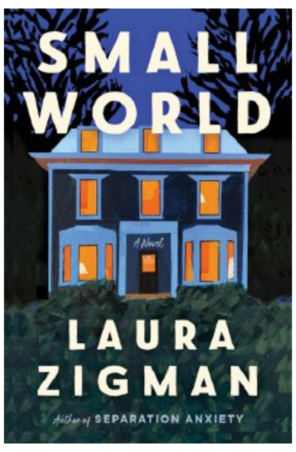
Laura Zigman offers a modern take on the bonds of sisterhood in "Small World," a novel about siblings whose difficult childhood has morphed them into emotionally challenged adults who lack the ability to have normal relationships.

Joyce and Lydia Mellishman, 50-ish divorcees, are living together in Joyce's Cambridge apartment after Lydia, who lived in Los Angeles for 30 years, decides to move back East.

Joyce works from home, digitizing photos for family legacy projects. She's fascinated by what she thinks are "normal" families, and wonders, "How come I didn't get to grow up like that?" But Joyce knows the answer, as does Lydia: Once there were three Mellishman sisters, but Eleanor, who had cerebral palsy, died when she was 10. Joyce also lurks in "Small World," her neighborhood's social networking site, turning posts about lost cats and missing wedding rings into prose poems. For Joyce, dwelling in "Small World" is "easier than being in the real world."

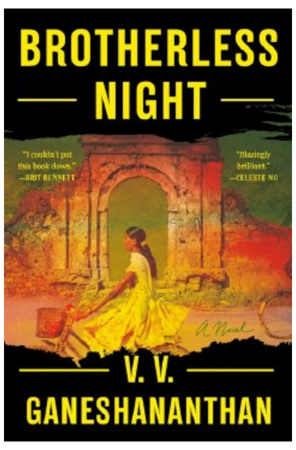
Socially awkward Lydia, like Joyce, knows that when Eleanor was alive and after she died, she and Joyce were always "silent bystanders" in their parents' lives. Their mother ignored them while Eleanor was alive, and after she died, Louise turned her attention to helping other families like theirs.

Joyce and Lydia have a chance to reckon with the past, but when new, noisy neighbors move into the apartment above them, they focus all their energy on the mysterious sounds coming from above and delay, consciously or unconsciously, confronting the multilayered grief that has stunted them since childhood.



'Small World'
By Laura Zigman; Ecco, 304 pages, $27.99.

Zigman's tenderly told novel is a realistic rendering of what it's like to care for and love a disabled child, and the toll that love takes on parents and siblings. It's also about the bonds that sisters share and how, in the case of the Mellishmans, unresolved grief nearly breaks them. As grim as this novel sounds, it's laced with the promise of a brighter future. — *Carol Memmott, Minneapolis Star Tribune*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A Novel
V. V. GANESHANANTHAN

'Brotherless Night'
By V.V. Ganeshananthan; Random House, 368 pages, $28.

V.V. Ganeshananthan knows how to grab the reader's attention and hold it in her propulsive second novel, "Brotherless Night."

"I recently sent a letter to a terrorist I used to know," begins narrator Sashi, reflecting on the events that led to her exile from Sri Lanka in New York City. Sashi then reflects on the meaning of the word "terrorist": "We begin with this word. I promise that you will come to see that it cannot contain everything that has happened."

Everything is the Sri Lankan Civil War (1983-2009) between the Tamil Tigers and the government's Sinhalese majority forces. Everything is also the story of Sashi's family, members of the Tamil ethnic minority, and how they have been torn apart by the war and the events leading up to it.

As a young high school student, Sashi dreams of testing into medical school, like her beloved older brother Niranjan, and his best friend, called K. Sashi sees education as a way to make a place for herself in a society where active discrimination by the government against Tamils is legal and an everyday part of life for Sashi and her family. Still, Sashi's days are filled with love for her parents and four brothers, and a secret longing for the handsome, kind and brilliant K.

However, after a riot that ends in Niranjan's death, two of Sashi's brothers and K join the Tigers, a Tamil separatist group, in an act of idealism, hoping to protect their families and their communities from further violence.

Sashi herself goes on to medical school, where she is asked by the Tigers to help in their cause. But as years of war unfold, acts of violence lead to cycles of retribution, and tragedy for all.

Riveting, heartbreaking and extraordinary for both its empathetic gaze and its clear-eyed depiction of the brutality of war, "Brotherless Night" is a masterpiece. — *May-lee Chai, Minneapolis Star Tribune*

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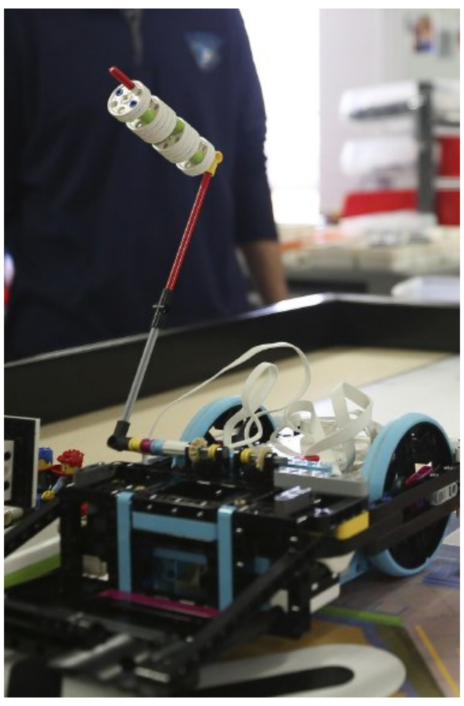

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Author David Ambroz's formative years were spent living in the shadows. His story shouldn't stay there, writes Heidi Stevens.

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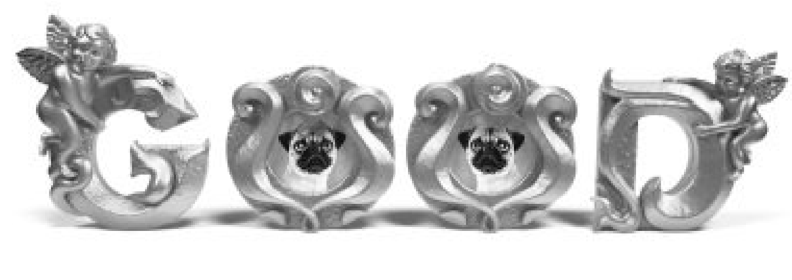

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ASK AMY

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News of pregnancy births mixed reactions

Dear Amy: I am experiencing an unplanned pregnancy with a stable, loving and supportive partner.

We are in our late 30s and for myriad reasons, we decided we will carry on with the pregnancy and become parents. We don't make a lot of money, and we live in a small apartment, but we know that all things are possible, and we choose to remain positive.

Some of my closest friends are reacting in ways I didn't expect. Some of their responses seem rude at best and anxiety-inducing at worst.

I am doing my best to be empathetic. I understand that everyone is justified in feeling a certain way about unplanned pregnancies. Might there be advice you have for me about how to move past their reactions?

— *Mixed Reviews*

Dear Mixed: Yes, people's varied feelings regarding an unplanned pregnancy are justified. What I mean is that people have a right to their own feelings.

But when it comes to someone else's pregnancy and her choice regarding that pregnancy, people should keep their opinions, concerns or misgivings to themselves. When a woman announces her pregnancy, the response should be positive and supportive.

If someone responded to you in a way that was less than supportive, then that person should get it together and connect with you again in order to listen, talk and offer support.

The empathy should flow from them to you; this is one situation where you shouldn't carry the burden of empathizing with them.

If you need support that you are not receiving, you should bravely ask for it.

The way to move past these reactions is the same way you will experience this pregnancy: one day at a time. Experiencing a pregnancy can be like marking time with a slowly emptying hourglass that lasts for nine months.

Every day brings new realizations, challenges, joys and excitement — where it is important to concentrate more on yourself and your household, and less on the opinions of others. This is great practice for experiencing the first year of your baby's life, where "one day at a time" is the wisest way to go, and where the hours sometimes drag, but the year seems to fly.

Dear Amy: I'm going through some tough times. I've always been strong and independent, and I think I've also been a good friend. I know my friends care about me, but I need more right now, but I don't know how to ask for it. Do you have any suggestions?

— *Feeling Down*

Dear Feeling Down: I'm publishing your question as a tribute to a friend of mine (we go way back) who recently reached out via group text with an update, followed by a statement saying that she could really use the support of her friends right now. She immediately received it.

When I spoke with her, I thanked her for giving us the opportunity to pull together. I told her that her "ask" was honoring our very long friendship.

She said that her (very wise) daughter reminded her that asking for help is giving people who care about her an opportunity to be of service.

To anyone who is hurting, understand that asking for help is not only an act of bravery, but it is also an act that honors your relationships by giving people who care about you a pathway to be helpful, and an opportunity to express their love. I hope you can make this "ask."

Dear Amy: "Upstairs Neighbor" wondered whether she should tell her downstairs neighbor that she could be heard loudly snoring at night.

My "vote" is a firm yes!

I live in a townhouse, and my bedroom adjoins the bedroom next door. My neighbor informed me that he could hear me snoring and that I might have sleep apnea.

I got tested, and he was right! I started using the prescribed continuous positive air pressure, or CPAP, device. As a result, I no longer wake up with headaches that stay with me for hours.

Upstairs Neighbor should put aside thoughts of embarrassment and encourage her downstairs neighbor to consult her doctor. A sleep test would seem to be in order.

— *Well Rested*

Dear Rested: It is so helpful when readers contact me to relay their own personal experience with a specific topic. Thank you for offering yours.

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Author sheds light on childhood poverty

Heidi Stevens
Balancing Act

David Ambroz's gorgeous new memoir, "A Place Called Home," begins in Manhattan at Christmas. He and his mom and two older siblings are trudging through the streets on a bitterly cold night, trying to find a place to sleep, trying not to be assaulted, trying not to starve.

Ambroz is 5 at the time. He and his family are homeless. It's the only life he's known.

"The Midtown windows glow," he writes, "each one a framed fantasy."

"On the fringes of this shiny holiday wonderland, in the dark alcoves and corners of the night, are people like us, passing like ghosts around and through the bright, clean tourists," he continues. "We drift in circles, making home everywhere and nowhere. We hunker down in the colorless crevices of the city, in the gray shadows of gray buildings where the gray snow is piled; we are gray people fading to nothing."

"A Place Called Home" is a window into childhood poverty, abuse, homelessness, foster care, mental illness.

Ambroz wrote down the darkest, saddest, most violent parts of his life in the hopes of moving us, as a nation, toward change.

His formative years were spent in the shadows. His story, he knew, shouldn't stay there.

"As a child, if I died and my family died, no one would care," Ambroz told me. "We were invisible. We were in front of you with our hands out, covered in sores, covered in filth, starving. And you, America, chose not to see us."

Childhood poverty, he argues, is the central issue of our time. As of 2020, more than 11 million children in the United States — 16% of kids nationwide — were living in poverty, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. And approximately 450,000 kids are in foster care. Half will experience homelessness when they leave foster care, Ambroz writes, and just 5% will secure a higher education degree.

Those statistics are a policy decision, he argues. Ambroz earned a scholarship to Vassar College and went on to earn his law degree from UCLA.

His memoir's afterword is a call to arms — to solve childhood poverty, to reform foster care, to stop looking the other way.

"Think about your own child, your relative, your friend's child, your future child, yourself," he writes. "What if you knew that this beautiful child would be placed in foster care? What would you want for that child? That is what we should be giving them now."

It's a variation — and a critical one — on philosopher John Rawls' thought experiment: Design a just society in which you don't know what your class or social status would be, and structure its systems accordingly.

I was deeply moved by Ambroz's story, particularly his ability, both in writing and in conversation, to remain hopeful. Optimistic, even.

I asked how he manages, after all he endured, after suffering violence at the hands of his own mother, after studying and living the ravages of poverty. How do you trust humans, humanity, to solve the big stuff after all that?

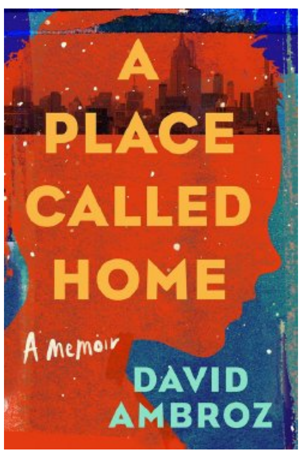
"I should be dead," he said. "Instead I'm in my own home, which I own, talking to a reporter. How could I not be optimistic?

Child-welfare advocate David Ambroz's new memoir grapples with childhood poverty through his own experience of homelessness and child abuse. **AMANDA EDWARDS/GETTY 2022**

"Every day we stare past all of the good in the world and we focus on the aberrations," he continued. "I don't stare past the good. And the good is that every day we have air we can breathe, the water comes out of our taps, for the most part, we have a durable government that has sustained itself, we have the most equitable, transparent society we've had in human history. We still have so much work to do, and I'm not ignorant of it. But if you want to bring the public along, tell the full story. And the full story is beautiful and complicated and messy."

And the full story can change us.

"I never thought I would publish my diary that exposes my most vulnerable parts to the world," he said. "But I realized I had a story that could maybe make people pull back and feel something and do something.



"So many of us walk around treating the condition of childhood in this country as if it's the laws of physics," he said. "It's not. It's the laws of man. It's a decision. We get to create and invent the world we want to live in, and then we get to make it happen."

With voices like Ambroz guiding us.

"We list the reasons why we can't help in our heads and hearts," he said. " 'I have kids. I don't have money. I'm scared.' That's fine, but the end of that sentence needs to be a comma, not a period. 'I can't do that, but I can do this.'

"Maybe 'this' is how you vote," he said. "Maybe it's how you talk about kids. Maybe once a year you go to a school board meeting and ask how they're helping homeless and foster kids. Kids are waiting on us. They need us to finish that thought."

What a beautiful, urgent invitation.

David Ambroz will discuss "A Place Called Home" on Zoom at 7 p.m. Central on Jan. 31. The Family Action Network event is free and open to the public. Find more information at familyactionnetwork.net.

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‘She’s a 1st on many levels’

A pioneering Chicago architect is retiring after working on more than 100 green buildings

By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune

Gleaming white, with dark brown accents and tall windows that shine sea-glass green in the winter sun, the Northbrook Park District’s 2-year-old Techny Prairie fitness center issues an unmistakable invitation: Come inside! Run! Lift! Stretch! Play!

Beyond the front doors there’s a spacious gym with dozens of children shooting hoops on shiny maple floors, as well as a busy fitness area and an elevated indoor track with sweeping views of mature trees, green playing fields, a shimmering pond and nine-hole golf course.

But Techny Prairie’s biggest claim to fame lies largely hidden from view: 833 rooftop solar panels that helped the building become the third in the state to be verified as net-zero energy, or able to produce as much energy as it uses.

“It’s really fun to see how many people come in because it’s a fitness center, but then become really interested because of the environmental aspect of it,” said Jake Vest, the Northbrook Park District trades manager. “It’s a great educational opportunity for the public.”

The 44,000-square-foot fitness center is just one of many highlights in the 34-year career of Chicago architect Lois Vitt Sale, who retired last month at age 64.

In the late 1990s she led the team that designed the technical and environmental aspects of the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in North Chicago, the fourth building in the world to achieve the U.S. Green Building Council’s coveted LEED certification for sustainable design and construction.

Vitt Sale also led the team overseeing the sustainable aspects of the first verified net-zero energy building in Illinois, the Adlai E. Stevenson High School East Building addition in Lincolnshire.

In all, she has played key roles in the design of over 100 green buildings, most of them in Illinois but some as far away as the Persian Gulf city of Doha, Qatar.

She’s also received national recognition for her volunteer work in the field, which has included helping to found the Illinois chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council and chairing the host committee for the 2007 Greenbuild International Conference and Expo in Chicago, which drew a record-breaking 23,000 people.

“The word that comes to mind is ‘pioneering,’ ” said U.S. Green Buildings Council President and CEO Peter Templeton. “She really has been at the forefront of sustainability and been a complete champion of looking at ways we can improve the built environment and its relationship to people and the planet.”

At the International WELL Building Institute, which certifies spaces based on their ability to enhance human health and well-being, executive vice president Kimberly Lewis said Vitt Sale is one of the leaders who has transformed our understanding of green buildings.

“I’m like, ‘You can’t retire; you’re our North Star. You’re always pushing. You’re always relentless in telling us what’s next,’ ” Lewis said.

Vest, who worked with Vitt Sale on the Techny Prairie project and accompanied her on a recent tour with a reporter, smiled when Vitt Sale dodged a compliment, refusing to take credit for Illinois’ frequent showings on lists of the top states for LEED-certified buildings.

“It takes a lot of people,” Vitt Sale said. “You can stand up and sing loudly, but if people don’t join you, and the instruments don’t weigh in, it doesn’t happen. So it’s a team sport, right, Jake?”

“It’s a team sport,” Vest replied with a chuckle, “but it needs superstars.”

The woman at the center of all the fuss arrived at the recent interview at the Techny Prairie fitness center with a smooth salt-and-pepper bob, fashionably oversized red glasses and an air of well-modulated enthusiasm. Vitt Sale doesn’t raise her voice or pound tables. Her charisma is quieter, drawing from passion, good cheer, seemingly unshakable conviction and an easy command of the relevant facts and figures.

“She’s larger than life,” Vest said. “You can just tell. When she comes in a room, she grabs the attention. It doesn’t take a loud voice.”

Vitt Sale had a big title — senior vice president and chief sustainability officer — at a big-city architecture firm, Chicago’s Wight & Company. But she’s just as passionate about her small projects as she is about her big ones.

During the tour of Techny Prairie, which she designed, she reminisced about working on the 3000-square-foot Evelyn Pease Tyner Interpretive Center in Glenview.

The center, which received LEED Platinum certification — the highest rating — has solar shingles, a geothermal heat pump and a distinctive roof with a swooping outline.

One of the board members, Vitt Sale recalled, wasn’t so sure about that roof.

“Why are you doing the swoop?” she remembered him saying.

“You *gotta* have the swoop,” Vitt Sale told him.

Green architect Lois Vitt Sale stands on the indoor track in the Techny Prairie fitness center in Northbrook on Dec. 19. She is the architect of the 44,200-square-foot “net-zero” facility, which generates as much energy as it uses. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

The Techny Prairie fitness center in Northbrook, shown on Dec. 19, was designed by green architect Lois Vitt Sale. She has played key roles in the design of over 100 green buildings.

A walker moves around the indoor track, which overlooks prairie lands, sports facilities and a golf course, at Techny Prairie fitness center in Northbrook. The center is one of many highlights in the 25-year career of architect Lois Vitt Sale.

“I was passionate about it, so he let it go through,” Vitt Sale said, smiling. “And afterward he came up to me and goes, ‘You were completely right about the swoop.’ ”

Her favorite client, she said, was a sound engineer for whom she designed a 1,200-square-foot house with a one-car garage. An early adopter with a passion for sustainability, the client ended up with a nearly net-zero energy home in 2009, due to features such as triple-paned windows, solar panels, batteries for energy storage, and geothermal heat and cooling drawn from pipes reaching deep underground.

She fondly recalled specific details of the project, such as a skylight in the shower that allowed the bathroom to be lit entirely by moonlight.

“I want (my buildings) to be places where people thrive, and I want them to be places that are integrated into nature,” said Vitt Sale, who drives an all-electric Chevy Bolt and lives in a house with rain barrels and a green roof on the garage.

“Unfortunately, too often we talk about integrating nature into buildings instead of integrating buildings into nature. The natural environment is first. It’s primary, but that’s not the way we approach our environment.”

Vitt Sale was born in Washington, D.C., grew up on the East Coast and graduated from Indiana University with a degree in French before deciding to pursue a career in architecture. She had a day job after college and was doing her art — clay sculpture — at night when the signs started accumulating.

“I was always dreaming about buildings,” Vitt Sale recalled.

Sometimes her dreams involved exploring a skyscraper; often she found new rooms in the spaces she came upon. She took a test to find out what jobs she might be suited for, and her best match was marketing executive.

But this was the 1980s, and recommendations were sorted by gender. According to the test, a man with her skills and interests would have been best-suited for architecture.

Vitt Sale, who lives with her husband in Downer’s Grove, got her master’s degree in architecture at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and entered the profession in 1988. At first, she had trouble picking just one area in which to specialize.

“If you would just focus, you would be so good,” she recalled people telling her.

But that was before she came back from maternity leave to work on the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, one of the first projects in the world to receive LEED certification for sustainable design and construction.

That accomplishment was all the more remarkable because when Vitt Sale started work on the sustainable aspects of the project in the late 1990s, there was no such thing as LEED certification. She relied on preliminary information about plans for certification, which was available online, as well as her own knowledge, research and resources.

For instance, the project’s roofs came from a study at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, which found that white metal roofs are more energy-efficient because they reflect heat and light.

The nine-building, $65 million project was LEED certified in 2001 and won a White House Closing the Circle Award for model facility demonstration. LEED went on to become the most widely used green buildings ranking system in the world, with over 100,000 projects certified.

As for Vitt Sale, she had found her focus: sustainable architecture.

“That made all the difference in the world,” she said of LEED’s clear definitions of green building practices. “As soon as I came across that, there was no turning back.”

At the time sustainability was a tough sell. Climate change hadn’t yet burst into the public consciousness, generating excitement about solar panels and wind farms, and leading states such as Illinois to set specific deadlines for drastically curtailing planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions.

“It was *hard,*” Vitt Sale said. “It was a constant campaign to get people on board.

“The question was always, ‘How much does it cost?’ There were plenty of buildings where somebody would say, ‘I want a marble floor. I want granite this and gilded that.’ And nobody ever said, ‘How much does it cost?’ ”

Vitt Sale had to educate her clients about what was possible, at a time when there were no local examples to point to, according to Gabriela Martin, the energy program director at the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, which awards grants supporting natural areas, clean energy and energy efficiency.

“It’s hard work being the first, and also a woman in a male-dominated field,” Martin said. “She’s a first on many levels.”

A high point of those early years came in 2007, when the popular Greenbuild International Conference and Expo came to Chicago after plans to hold the conference in Los Angeles had fallen through. The problem was, Chicago had only about eight months to prepare for an event that had drawn 13,500 people the previous year.

Lewis, the founder of Greenbuild, recalled how Vitt Sale, who led the 2007 Chicago host committee, faced down fears that there wasn’t enough time.

“Her point was, not only are we going to do this, but this is the *season,*” Lewis said. “Chicago is doing amazing things and we want the world to understand those best practices. From day one she was the woman who calmed everyone’s fears.”

The conference drew a record crowd of 23,000, with former President Bill Clinton as the keynote speaker. Chicago went on to host another record-breaking Greenbuild in 2010, with Vitt Sale once again chairing the host committee.

Asked why she’s retiring, she said, “It’s time for a new chapter.”

In the last several years she’d been pursuing her long-held interest in clay sculpture. She has a kiln and pottery wheels in her basement studio in Downers Grove, and she’s looking forward to “pushing that to where I can take it.”

But there are other factors at play as well. Twenty-five years ago, when she began her career in green architecture, electric cars weren’t widely available, residential solar panels couldn’t provide 400 watts of power, and if you wanted a dual-flush toilet you had to go to Australia.

Now, those technologies are commonplace, along with clear goals and targets for green architects — guideposts her generation initially didn’t have. It’s an exciting moment for young people, Vitt Sale said, and it’s their turn to step forward and make their mark.

“I’ll never stop being interested in sustainability, but I’m interested to see what all those bright young minds come up with,” she said. “I’ll be rooting for them.”

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Branching out through STEM

Robotics class in Prospect Heights lets 8th graders earn high school credit and aims to accelerate pandemic learning recovery

By Zareen Syed
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Filip Dudic, an applied technologies teacher at MacArthur Middle School in Prospect Heights, interacts with eighth graders during a robotics class on Jan. 11. **TRENT SPRAGUE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

A new, dual-credit robotics class for eighth graders at Douglas MacArthur Middle School in Prospect Heights is allowing students to dive deep into engineering and other STEM fields while addressing the issue of pandemic learning loss.

While the first semester of the inaugural class focused on Lego robotics, the second leg of the 2022-23 school year will teach students to design, build and program a robot. Students also earn high school credit for it as part of a partnership between elementary school District 23 and high school District 214.

The partnership started as a joint extracurricular robotics club, where students from the feeder schools could participate at the high school level. According to District 23 Superintendent Don Angelaccio, the districts worked together to create a class that had a curriculum and an outcome similar to entry-level engineering classes at the high schools.

And coming off a pandemic that inhibited regular classroom education, the robotics class, and STEM education in general, accelerates learning by equipping students with problem-solving skills, Angelaccio said.

"You have a challenge or a problem you're trying to solve," he said. "You brainstorm solutions, design and test, and then you learn from those successes and failures. It creates a structure around problem-solving that adults use every day."

Angelaccio noted the shift in education to applied skills as opposed to the previous emphasis on the theoretical steps of a research project or paper.

"For several reasons (the new approach) better meets the needs of this generation of students," he said. "They are tactile and used to immediate response.

"So building and testing a robot, for example: 'Does it follow the code you wanted it to? Did it turn right or turn left?' You see it immediately, and those kinds of things help kids learn from the actual testing of things."

The dual-credit class has no prerequisites, but it does have to fit into students' schedules without compromising core classes. If students take band or orchestra and Spanish, for example, they likely won't have space for robotics.

Filip Dudic, who teaches the class of 17 eighth graders, said its obvious why a STEM class might help students bounce back from the pandemic.

"I think about my younger son and how being home for so long made it hard to go back," Dudic said. "Having something to have fun with makes it easier. There's a lot of choice in STEM classes, a lot of projects, and not necessarily the same thing day to day.

"If we're doing a 3D printing project, you could be making a keychain or an ornament. Or it could be anything."

The robotics class incorporates other subjects like math, which many students struggle to see "the point of," Dudic said.

"I try to always point out, when we're doing something with 3D modeling or coding, how it relates to what they're going to learn in high school geometry or algebra class," Dudic said. "They like to see the real-world applications.

"I used to get that question as a math teacher all the time: 'When are we ever going to use this?' "

Dudic said he was fortunate to get STEM-teaching training through the Project Lead the Way curriculum at his previous school, Oliver McCracken Middle School in Skokie District 73.5.

Project Lead the Way is one of the leading providers of innovative STEM education curricular programs used in middle and high schools across the U.S., and it's used at high school District 214, where Dudic's middle schoolers are headed.

District 23 also partners with District 214's WildStang Robotics Program, sharing space at MacArthur with the high school students mentoring the younger kids.

Dudic is an assistant coach and teacher for the high school robotics team, allowing him to seamlessly conduct the dual-credit program while keeping an eye on the high school curriculum to better prepare his middle school students.

Only a few students came to Dudic's robotics class with little or no understanding of STEM. Most sixth graders take Dudic's nine-week applied tech course, which allows him to more quickly move on from the basics into advanced topics.

One of the eighth graders taking Dudic's Robotics class is Claudia Glinko, who is especially excited about "graduating" from the class' first-semester emphasis on Lego robotics to coding a "real robot."

"It's like we're on to the next level this semester," she said. "We're ready for it and we know we can ask questions and figure it out together."

Glinko, who grew up watching her dad use computers and technology to fix car engines, has already started toying with the idea of a career in a STEM field and has plans to take similar classes in high school.

"You don't realize how many different parts of STEM there are," she said. "Robotics is not just about coding; its about science and math."

The merging of concepts can be beneficial in more ways than one, said MacArthur Middle School Principal Cam Nystrom.

"Filip is a former math teacher, so he always has a math lens to it and (is) able to bring math concepts that students may have missed out on during the pandemic and make it more of a gap-filler type class the way he's teaching it," Nystrom said.

Students working together and asking each other questions about how they did this or that enriches the learning experience and propels it forward, Nystrom said.

Juliana Firnstein, another student in Dudic's robotics class, said one of the best parts of the course is the "positive environment."

"It is very fun just to be communicating with a bunch of people and it's all hands-on activities," she said. "We just finished Lego week competitions and are moving onto robot coding, and everyone is working on it together."

Through the class Firnstein has also become open to the idea of a career in a STEM field.

"It's definitely made me look into my future and what I'd like to do as a career," she said. "I'm open to the idea of engineering as a career choice. And a future in engineering will involve science and math too."

Nystrom said the district hasn't eliminated traditional woodshop classes. A lot of handheld saws and machines have been replaced with 3D printers, but students are welcome to use both.

Robotics was fashioned as a pilot class to see what can be improved, but administrators are hoping to continue it.

Nystrom said educators have their eye on a potential merger between the sixth, seventh and eighth grade STEM classes with the art department.

"It doesn't matter if you're making a pot with clay or a 3D printer; there's still elements of design and balance of structure," he said.

Nystrom said the creative concepts would tap into the STEAM part of education, which stands for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

"The difference is that arts are included, from visual arts to language arts and more," he said. "It sparks imagination and creativity through the arts in ways that naturally align with STEM learning."

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ASK THE PEDIATRICIAN

Can babies get tooth decay?

Dr. David M. Krol
American Academy of Pediatrics

As soon as your baby's first tooth erupts, it's time to start using fluoride toothpaste. **CHERNETSKAYA/ DREAMSTIME**

Tooth decay, or dental caries, is one of the most common chronic childhood diseases in the United States.

The good news is there are ways to prevent it.

Even the tiniest teeth can decay. There are habits you can start now to keep your baby's teeth healthy. And when that first tooth shows up, there are ways your pediatrician can keep it healthy, too.

Children living in poverty, in ethnic or racial minority groups, or with special health care needs are at more risk for dental decay. Other reasons a child could be high risk include:

- The child's mother or main caregiver had tooth decay in the past 12 months or does not have a regular source of dental care.
- White spots appear on the child's teeth. These spots are a sign the tooth is losing calcium and minerals that keep it strong.
- Tan, brown or black spots appear or you see cavities (pits) on the teeth. This is a sign that the tooth is decaying.

Fortunately, your family's tap water probably has fluoride added to it. Fluoride is a safe and useful cavity-fighting ingredient that has been added to drinking water since 1945.

Fluoride is a natural mineral that can slow down or stop cavities from forming. When you drink fluoridated water every day, the fluoride makes it hard for bacteria in your mouth to make acid. Fluoride also rebuilds tooth enamel (the outer layer of the tooth), and it even strengthens teeth.

Check with your local water utility agency to find out if your water has fluoride. The health benefits work when the drinking water has 0.7 mg/L of fluoride. If your community water supply does not have fluoride or you live on a private well, ask your doctor if you should get a prescription for fluoride drops or chewable tablets for your child. As soon as your baby's first tooth erupts, it's time to start using fluoride toothpaste. Here's how to do it:

- Use a tiny smear — the size of a grain of rice — until age 3. Clean the teeth at least twice a day. It's best to clean them right after breakfast and before bedtime.
- Use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste when your child is 3 years old. Teach your child to spit without rinsing.
- Assist or supervise kids during toothbrushing until they master the task, usually at around 10 years of age.

Do not put your baby to bed with a bottle at night or at naptime. It is also not a good idea to let your baby use a bottle filled with a sweet drink or dip your baby's pacifier in anything sweet like sugar or honey. If you do put your baby to bed with a bottle, fill it only with water. You can give your baby about 4 to 8 ounces of water per day starting at around 6 months.

When your baby is 6 months, your pediatrician will start to do oral health checkups and apply fluoride varnish. Pediatricians are trained to apply fluoride varnish because many young children do not see or have access to a dentist until they are older. All infants and children should have fluoride varnish every 6 months until age 5. Children might need it every 3 months if they have a higher risk of dental decay.

Varnish is used to help prevent or slow down tooth decay. It is painted on the top and sides of each tooth and hardens quickly. The process is safe and does not hurt.

Fluoride varnish is a "preventive care service" for children. This means all public and private health insurance plans should cover fluoride varnish. No part of the cost should be shared by patients or families.

Oral health starts early. Be ready to discuss your family's plan for a "dental home." All children need access to a dentist for regular care. See your child's dentist by their first birthday or within six months of their first tooth. At this first visit, your dentist can easily check your child's teeth and determine the frequency of future dental checkups.

Dr. David Krol, a pediatrician, serves as medical director of the Connecticut Children's Care Network and medical director of Care Integration for Connecticut Children's. Krol is a past chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Oral Health.

Destination wedding guests did not 'cough up' any gifts

Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: A few years ago, my son had a destination wedding in the U.S. Virgin Islands. He and his fiancee invited their parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and about a dozen of their closest friends. We provided dinner and drinks for all guests after the rehearsal, and the bride's parents provided dinner and drinks for the wedding reception.

I was truly irked when I learned that the guests did not cough up some wedding presents when everyone arrived home. They said they didn't need to give presents because they had blessed the couple with their presence (my words).

Geez Louise, they were treated to two nights of dinners and unlimited drinks! I know I shouldn't let it get to me, especially after all these years, but it may be helpful to other out-of-country wedding guests to know the proper etiquette when attending weddings.

Gentle reader: That is true. However, Miss Manners will have to insist that you not be the one who states it.

Because what you fail to appreciate in your somewhat oblivious rant is that by attending an out-of-country wedding, your guests have already coughed up at least a couple of grand — on airfare, hotel, additional meals and the oxymoronic "beach formalwear" that the invitation undoubtedly demanded. Not to mention the sacrifice of personal vacation time.

Surely this is worth a few dinners — as much or more so than an overpriced set of bath towels. So the proper etiquette here is that, geez Louise, the guests do not need to agree to all of this. And even if they do, presents are optional — although Miss Manners will concede that it is impolite to state that so explicitly.

Dear Miss Manners: We often host friends and family for overnight visits. Before departing, some of our guests take it upon themselves to strip their beds and take their linens to the laundry room; some even start the washing machine. Of course we have never even hinted that this is expected, as it most certainly is not.

I find it insulting that they act as if we're the kind of hosts that would expect them to do this. My wife disagrees and says they're only trying to be helpful, but I wonder if they don't trust us to wash the sheets between guests.

I was always taught that while it's important to be a gracious host, it's also important to be a gracious guest.

Gentle reader: How about teaching you not to presume unkind motives where none are intended? Your guests are merely trying to lessen your burden and pitch in.

Miss Manners will concede, however, that starting the washing machine without asking is an overstep. Proper overnight protocol is to strip the bed, put the bed cover back on it and put the folded sheets on top of the cover at the bottom of the bed. The trick is to fold them just nicely enough to look tidy, but not so neat that the host will mistake the set for clean ones — and then unwittingly remake the bed with dirty sheets.

Dear Miss Manners: My husband of 58 years died last year. He was highly respected and loved by many people who had experienced his comfort and prayers in times of need. In fact, I received 150 sympathy cards. He truly was a good man to all who were in need.

What no one knows is that he never put me first. He seldom, if ever, encouraged me or complimented me. His abusiveness came through in the tone of his voice, not his actual words. I sought counseling after 30 years because I no longer knew who I was or what I wanted.

I cannot explain the relief I felt when I no longer came home to his car in the garage. How do I respond to the constant sympathy I continue to receive from those who miss him more than I do? I don't want to denigrate his memory for those who experienced his love and concern.

Gentle reader: "Thank you. He will be missed." That it will not be by you, Miss Manners assures you, need not be specified.

Dear Miss Manners: Is it rude to keep your guests waiting to eat indefinitely because one guest is more than an hour late?

Gentle reader: Yes. To be polite, Miss Manners instructs you to greet the tardy guest with, "I knew you would want us to go ahead, so we did."

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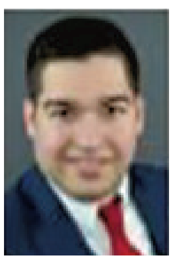

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Wild Rice Retreat in Bayfield, Wis., offers wellness experiences rooted in yoga, nature and guided healing. Dr. Anna Roth, a psychologist, also offers retreats at the resort focused on grief and loss resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. **WILD RICE RETREAT PHOTOS**

GUIDED HEALING

In times of grief and mourning, Midwest wellness retreats offer a way forward

By Grace Wong
For Chicago Tribune

There's an inherently healing quality to travel, particularly when it involves communes with nature and escapes from daily routine.

And when a traveler seeks to address a specific wound — loss, grief, trauma — that healing aspect becomes even more vital.

Over nearly three years, the COVID-19 pandemic has upended mental wellness on a global scale, leaving millions in mourning and a battered collective psyche. Being robbed of opportunities to process the scope of tragedy has left Americans grappling with a second pandemic of grief that is likely to continue for years.

As a new year begins with fewer health and travel restrictions — and, at present, low infection rates — travelers looking to at last address grief or woes buried in the avalanche of three years of anxiety and sorrow can turn to several sources for retreats devoted to healing and expert-guided processing.

"America is a brutal place to grieve for most ... and that grief continues to be stigmatized. But we're not designed to grieve in isolation," says Dr. Anna Roth, a psychologist who offers guided grief retreats. "Culturally, we have short-term responses to what is really a marathon experience."

In Bayfield, Wisconsin, a serene silence, save for the soft crunch of snow underfoot as you make your way through the woodland trails, is reason enough to make the trip to Wild Rice Retreat (wildriceretreat.com) on the banks of Lake Superior.

The 114-acre resort devotes itself to restorative escapes grounded in yoga, classes such as forest bathing and tai chi, and guided retreats led by writers, photographers, grief counselors and more.

"It is really designed for adults who are looking for rest, who are looking to tap into creativity and looking to have some lifelong learning opportunities," says Heidi Zimmer, who runs Wild Rice after a career creating community art spaces through the nonprofit Artspace.

The Scandinavian-inspired spaces range from a tiny-home-esque cabin known as a RicePod, to a communal TreeHaus that sleeps up to eight people.

Bayfield is a two-hour drive from Duluth International Airport in Minnesota, but if you're coming from the Midwest, Zimmer suggests guests build in time to drive to Wild Rice Retreat. The journey becomes a way to prepare for the experience, and Zimmer says focusing on the changing landscape and celebrating the decision to take time for themselves is a good way to start the journey.

Guests typically arrive in the late afternoon and grab a quick drink at the wine bar before heading to their lodgings. The Scandinavian-inspired spaces range from a tiny-home-esque cabin known as a RicePod, to a communal TreeHaus that sleeps up to eight people. Furry friends are welcome, and giant picture windows create a seamless blend between the dwellings and the surrounding environment.

The days that follow are punctuated with candlelight stretches, storytelling sessions, and healthy-yet-indulgent meals such as zoodles with puttanesca sauce and bison meatballs, finished off with dark chocolate brownies and peanut butter ice cream. You may gather your courage and do a cold plunge before warming up in the sauna, or relish the sensation of fat water droplets crashing onto your skin in the Rain Room.

"We want to help you feel nourished and rested and celebrated," Zimmer said. "The programming is there to support your rest and rejuvenation and well-being. We are a retreat center, which comes with the peace and Zen you don't get at traditional family resorts."

And that's precisely what Roth was looking for.

Roth, a Minnesota-based doctor of counseling psychology and registered yoga instructor, began offering guided retreats at Wild Rice in 2022 as a way for participants to process grief birthed in the pandemic and find a way forward. The four-day retreat, which is set to take place again in June and costs $2,196 to $2,896, is designed for women to immerse themselves in an intensive therapeutic program tailored to the challenges of the past three years.

The long weekend is infused with both laughter and tears, grounded in experiences such as a "threshold moment," when participants gather around a fire and decide what they need to let go of before crossing the threshold toward healing.

"We need these experiences of remembering who we are and how life can be, then re-entering life and making necessary changes to evolve and hold grief within us in a new way," Roth says.

Even those not in mourning could be struggling with mental wellness; one 2022 study published in the British Medical Journal found people who had COVID-19 were 39% more likely to be diagnosed with depression and 35% more likely to be diagnosed with anxiety in the months following their illness than people without COVID-19. Stress and sleep disorders were also more likely in COVID-19 patients.

Roth hopes to expand her trauma-informed program to seasonal retreats and an online program for those who can't make the trip to Wild Rice. And even if her retreat isn't the right fit, she encourages anyone suffering a loss — whether it be a loved one, their own health or the pre-pandemic way of life — to find time to heal.

"Engage with it directly and create some specific time to honor your loss as often and as long as you need to," she said. "Maybe it's interwoven into daily life ... or finding a group with your exact experience of loss, although that's not necessary. The point is engaging in it rather than avoiding."

Grief and wellness retreats are not a pandemic-specific creation; many are offered in temperate Edens such as Hawaii, New Zealand or the Caribbean, and many cost thousands of dollars to attend. But there are also accessible options available within driving distance of Chicago.

Not far from Wild Rice Retreat, the nonprofit Faith's Lodge (faithslodge.org) is named after the owners' stillborn daughter and was founded to help families struggling with the loss of a child. First-time guest rates are $149 per night per room, but full and partial financial assistance is also available. Its lodge can also be rented out for larger groups, with options available for on-site services that can be added to the reservation.

The lodge's grief retreats are designed for specific needs and experiences, such as losses of children due to violence, illness, suicide or overdose. Some are for parents only, while others are open to families, and others are specifically tailored to experiences of parents of color.

Camp Erin, based in Chicago's Noble Square neighborhood in West Town, is part of the national Eluna network (elunanetwork.org) of sleepaway camps for children 6-17 years old who are grieving a significant person in their lives. The free camp offers grief education and emotional support, and its next dates are July 7-9.

Five hours northwest of Chicago, the Christine Center (christinecenter.org) was founded by Illinois' Wheaton Franciscan Sisters in 1980 on a 240-acre farm. The center offers a variety of spiritual and nature-focused retreats with modern and rustic cabins, a guesthouse and tent camping sites ranging from nightly rates of $20-$140 per person. Meals, pet fees and spiritual guidance rooted in the center's Franciscan practices are additional, but sliding scales and scholarships are available.

And while summer might seem like the ideal time for a Midwest retreat, there is something to visiting places like Wild Rice in the winter months, as well, says Zimmer, who describes it as a "particularly magical and peaceful up here."

And she's right. There's something indescribably beautiful about the fresh white snow glittering untouched on the ground or precariously piled on even the thinnest points of branches. The world feels a little more gentle, a little more soft, and each breath of crisp winter air brings a soothing sense of lightness and calm.

It's this feeling that makes guests return again and again.

"I can't wait to come back," said one woman in the sauna before she sighed, closed her eyes and leaned back against the cedar planks radiating warmth.

Grace Wong is a freelance writer.

GeoQuiz To which European city would you travel to visit the State Hermitage Museum? **Find out on Page 8**

Zugspitze is Germany's breathtaking rooftop

Rick Steves

One of my favorite places to be in Europe is atop the Zugspitze — the highest point in Germany.

Standing on this 9,700-foot peak, you can't help but marvel at the thought that you're the highest person in the entire country — number one out of 82 million. From here, facing south, I feel like a maestro conducting a symphony of snowcapped peaks as the mighty Alps stretch seemingly forever to the right and left.

The Zugspitze also marks the border between Germany and Austria. Before Europe united, you had to show your passport just to walk across this mountaintop.

Lifts from both countries meet at the top. As if waging an epic battle of alpine engineering, just a few years after the Austrians built a cable car to their Zugspitze station, the Germans drilled through the mountain in 1931 so that a cogwheel train could deposit nature lovers on a glacier just below their side of the summit.

Today, whether you ascend from the Austrian or German side, you can straddle the border between two great nations while enjoying an incredible view. Restaurants, shops, a small museum and telescopes await you at the summit.

There are two separate terraces — Bavarian and Tirolean — connected by a narrow walk which was the border station. Crossing used to be a big deal — you'd get your passport stamped at the little blue house and shift your currency from shillings to marks.

While the border formalities are long gone, regional pride still shines here. You'll notice no German or Austrian national banners but regional ones instead for "Freistaat Bayern" and "Land Tirol."

The views are equally breathtaking on either side of the border. On the German side, the Zugspitzplatt glacier stretches before you. Is it melting? For many summers, a vast reflector was spread out on the ice to try to slow the glacier's shrinking due to global warming. From here, ski lifts fan out as if reaching for the ridge that defines the border between Germany and Austria.

Below you in the snow stands the "Hochzeitskapelle" — wedding chapel — which was consecrated in 1981 by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (aka the late Pope Benedict XVI).

The German side has the oldest building up here — the rustic, tin-and-wood weather tower, erected by the Deutscher Wetterdienst (German weather service) in 1900. The first mountaineers' hut was built in 1897 but didn't last. The existing one — entwined with mighty cables that cinch it down — dates from 1914. In 1985, observers clocked 200-mph winds up here — those beefy cables were necessary.

Also on the German side is a golden cross that marks the highest point in the country. A priest and his friends hauled it up in 1851, but the historic original was shot up by American soldiers who used it for target practice in the late 1940s. What you see today is a modern replacement. And, on this side, the highest dining available is at a sleek, modern restaurant that comes with lofty views.

World War II left its mark on the summit as well. The Austrian side was higher until the Germans blew its top off during the war to make a flak tower that targeted Allied airplanes.

Both Germany and Austria use this rocky pinnacle for communication purposes. The square box on the Tirolean Terrace provides data for Innsbruck airport's air traffic control system. A tower nearby is for the Katastrophenfunk (civil defense network), harkening back to the stressful years of the Cold War.

The Austrian station (which is much more visitor-friendly than the German one) has a fine little museum that tells the story of how the Zugspitze was first climbed in 1820. The museum also includes three interesting videos: a six-minute, 3-D mountain show; a 30-minute, making-of-the-lift show; and a 45-minute look at nature, sport and culture of the region. Looking down the valley from the Tirolean Terrace, you can see the Austrian towns of Erwald and Lermoos in the distance and the valley that leads to my favorite overnight stop in the region, Reutte.

In the summer, it's easy to actually "summit" the Zugspitze as there are steps and handholds all the way to the golden cross. Or you can just feed the birds from the lounge chairs of "the highest beer garden in Germany." The yellow-beak ravens — who get chummy with anyone who shares some pretzels — seem to enjoy the views here as much as the humans.

While the Germans glory in the Zugspitze, their nation's highest point, their neighbors are less impressed. There are many higher mountains in Austria.

A golden cross marks the top of the Zugspitze – the highest point in Germany. The mountain straddles the border between Germany and Austria. **RICK STEVES**

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

St. Petersburg, Russia. Founded in 1764 by Catherine the Great, it comprises five interconnected buildings, and its holdings number about three million items.

CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Author planning July trip to Korea

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

When Matthew Salesses began writing "The Sense of Wonder" (Little, Brown and Company, $28) six years ago, it was one way of alleviating his guilt about "wasting time." His late wife, Cathreen, had been diagnosed with stomach cancer. After a stressful day, he would watch basketball to unwind. And the couple would enjoy Korean dramas together as a way to cope. "I called it research," Salesses said in a Zoom interview from New York. "I started with one story and then kept writing about things I liked until it became this book." The page-turning novel focuses on Asian American protagonists who, like him, were overlooked by the mainstream before gaining traction. One character is a basketball player who captures the world's attention with his Linsanity-like streak of game wins. Another is a producer doing her best to make K-dramas happen in the United States. The revelatory book is a humorous look at pop culture, while also pointing out the inherent racism that pigeonholes minorities into what they can and cannot be. For more about the PEN/Faulkner finalist — who also is an assistant professor of writing at Columbia University — check out his website (matthewsalesses.com).

Q: You moved to New York not too long ago. Does it feel like home yet?
A: Definitely. I actually remember when I was driving the kids from Oklahoma to New York. When we passed through states heading east, even the air felt better. (Laughs) I had missed seeing all the hills and having that kind of elevation when I was living in the Midwest.

"The Sense of Wonder" author Matthew Salesses said New York now feels like home. **GRACE SALESSES**

Q: Have you lived in places where you felt unsafe because you're a visible minority?
A: Yes. Chicago, where you are, must be so much better than some of the places in Oklahoma. We could drive five or 10 minutes out of town and see Confederate flags.

Q: Do you have any trips planned for the year?
A: We are actually going to Korea in July, so I'm planning our trip now. The kids will stay with family on Cathreen's side. I'll have to fly back to the States for some of that time. But they'll have a great time and, hopefully, their Korean language skills will come back a little bit. My son can't really speak Korean now. My daughter can, but she's lost a lot of vocabulary. We're also maybe going to Singapore in the fall. I've never been there before.

Q: What were some recent trips you've taken?
A: I took the kids to Disney World in December. I've taken them twice. The first time was with my wife and daughter. Our son wasn't born yet. That was much more fun and easier then because there were two adults and one child. When I took the children by myself, they were never in the same place, and were always so far away from each other. (Laughs) I felt like I was constantly trying to find both of them. We had to put this neon green hat on my son, because he kept running off and it was easy to track him that way.

Q: What are your five favorite cities?
A: I like New York a lot. I've always loved visiting before, but now I like living here. Before I moved, I thought it would be less fun, because when I visited it'd always be so hectic. I'd spent a lot of money and then was glad to leave. But now, I like visiting all the neighborhoods. I lived in Prague for a year. It's one of my favorite cities for sure. Paris left a strong impression on me. It's really a beautiful city. Houston for the food. And if I picked a city in South Korea, it'd be Seoul for the culture and people. It has everything.

Q: Do you go away on any writing retreats?
A: No, because of my children. But I do take them with me when I take short trips to do readings. I'm going to be taking them to Baltimore, D.C., Columbus, Boston ... and I think we'll be going to Seattle in March when I attend a writing conference.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Should Amtrak provide refund for 'traumatic nightmare' trip?

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: I took my 7-year-old daughter on our first Amtrak trip, from Chemult, Oregon, to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to visit her cousins this summer.

The trip was a nightmare. Amtrak delayed our first train by seven hours. It failed to provide all the meals on our 26-hour trip. I had paid for a sleeper, but Amtrak seated us in the wrong section of the train. An employee yelled at me for "taking his seat" on a coach train where there were no assigned seats.

So I canceled our return trip and paid almost $1,000 for airfare to get home. The airfare wiped out my savings.

When I canceled our Amtrak return trip and explained why, a representative assured me that I'd receive a "full refund for my purchase." That promise was six weeks ago, and now they're saying I'm not eligible for a refund.

In my view, I purchased services that were never delivered (i.e., meals and bedroom accommodations for three days), and as a result of Amtrak not providing the services promised with my purchase, they forced me to spend money I don't really have in order to transport my daughter and myself back home.

— Kimberli Eicher, Bend, Oregon

A: I'm sorry you had such a difficult trip to Oklahoma. Amtrak should have done better — no delays, putting you in the right section of the train and treating you with dignity.

None of these issues rises to the level of qualifying for a refund. Amtrak doesn't provide refunds for late trains. It does refund part of your ticket for an involuntary downgrade. But it does not offer your money back because of rude employees.

But taken together, these complaints add up. You also furnished me with a detailed trip report that you sent to your bank when you disputed the charges for your train fare. You were not exaggerating when you called it a traumatic nightmare. I would have fought for a refund, too.

Technically, Amtrak was entitled to keep your money. After all, it had provided you with transportation from Oregon to Oklahoma. But a representative had already agreed to refund half your fare, so it's reasonable to expect Amtrak to do what it promised.

Instead, Amtrak reneged and insisted on keeping your money.

As I already mentioned, you filed a credit card dispute to recover your money after Amtrak told you it would not refund your ticket. You can file a chargeback for a service that you paid for but did not receive, so I think you had a case. You contacted me before the dispute was resolved, asking me to intervene.

I think you may have missed a step. When a company says "no," you can always appeal to an executive. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Amtrak executives on my consumer advocacy site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/amtrak. I would have tried that before disputing your charges.

I reached out to Amtrak for you. A representative reviewed your file and agreed that your trip did not go as it should have. Amtrak refunded your ticket and offered you a credit for a make-good trip — just in case you want to try Amtrak again.

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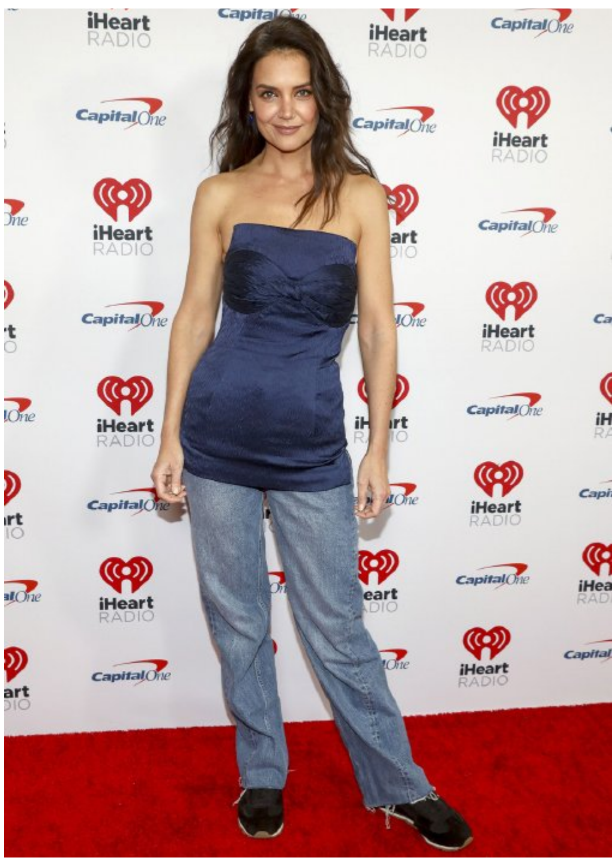
Ready for dresses over jeans yet again?

By Anna Grace Lee
The New York Times



Actor Katie Holmes attends Z100's iHeartRadio Jingle Ball on Dec. 9 in New York. **ANDY KROPA/INVISION 2022**

To some, the early 2000s were a fashion fever dream. Juicy Couture tracksuits. Hoodies under blazers. Graphic tees, vests, V-necks and thin scarves. Unironic fedoras. The list goes on.

But for those who were of sentient age during those years, the return of some of these trends can elicit strong reactions, like a jarring visit from the ghost of your past. Now, thanks to Katie Holmes, we have a stirring new entry to the ongoing Y2K style revival debate: the dress-over-jeans look.

Recently, the actor, 43, attended the iHeartRadio Jingle Ball concert in New York City, walking the red carpet in a dressy, deep-blue strapless Tove top (which some have called a minidress), loose straight jeans and Margiela sneakers.

We say goodbye to trends, packing away our cargo pants and bedazzled baby tees — only, in some cases, to see those very trends return with a vengeance. As predicted, low-rise pants have returned, along with spinoffs like the purposefully unbuttoned look.

Some members of Gen Z embrace the chaos of the early 2000s' boldest looks, imbuing their personal style with nods to the aughts and even running TikTok accounts dedicated to Y2K fashion. Twenty-something characters in some of this year's popular films and television shows wear vintage pieces from the '90s and early 2000s.

Photos of Holmes' red carpet outfit made their way across social media, igniting discussion of her outfit and the dress-over-jeans trend of yore. People shared photos of celebrities who donned similar looks years ago, like Anne Hathaway at the "Ella Enchanted" premiere in 2004 and Miley Cyrus at the 2006 Teen Choice Awards.

Brie Welch, Katie Holmes' personal stylist, worked with the actor on her look for the Jingle Ball. According to Welch, the choice was a combination of her styling and Holmes' own taste and practicality.

"We decided the rich color and subtle bustier effect detailing of the top was elegant and would be fun if paired with jeans, creating a more youthful feel for Jingle Ball and the atmosphere there," Welch wrote in an email. (A representative for Holmes did not respond to requests for comment.)

At first glance, some people online assumed the red carpet photos of Holmes were snapshots from 20 years ago, when her starring role as Joey Potter on "Dawson's Creek" made her an icon of the late '90s and early 2000s.

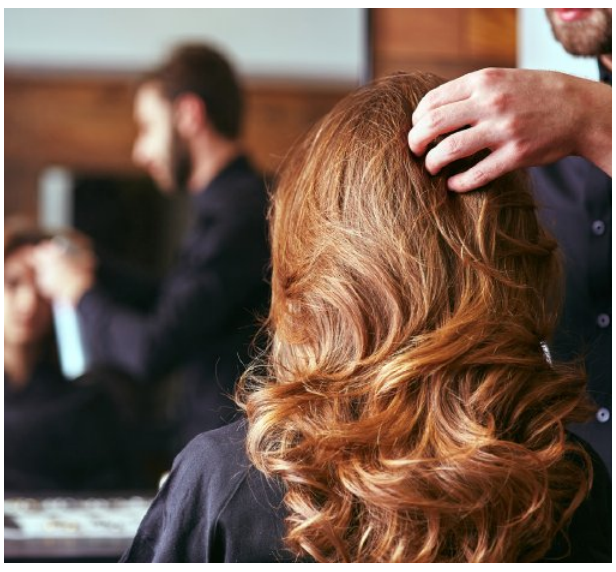
This isn't the first time the dress-over-pants combination has captured attention. Over the past few years, publications like Vogue and InStyle have written about the trend, discussing ways of making it chic and modern.

As for the sneakers, they felt appropriate for the occasion, Welch said. "On the day of (and because Katie has her own effortless style that should be appreciated here), she said she wanted to wear sneakers because it was a concert and obviously there would be a lot of dancing to Dua Lipa (and nothing is more comfortable!)," she added.

Whether Holmes intended to pay homage to her days as Joey Potter or simply wanted to wear appropriate footwear for a concert, Welch said that the actor is "more than capable of looking cool in an unintentional trend 20 years later."

Bait-and-switch hairstylists

Ellen Warren
Answer Angel



The client should always be alerted in advance if they're being switched to a stylist that the client is not familiar with, says Answer Angel Ellen Warren. **DREAMSTIME**

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Is there any recourse in this situation I ran into recently? I made a beauty salon appointment with my regular stylist, and they even confirmed that appointment, reminding me if I don't show up, I'd still be charged 100% of the scheduled service price. Then, when I show up, they tell me my stylist no longer works there. They assign someone else to take care of me — someone with whom I have not had a consultation, who is not experienced with my hair type. These "pink-collar" workers often are spoken of only using their first names, so it's impossible to locate the new salon when they jump ship. I understand the business owner wants to protect herself from having stylists work for a year and then disappear with all the good clients but this seems like bait and switch!

— *Diane D.*

Dear Diane: A lot of us have had this exact situation. Sure, sometimes the new stylist turns out to be even better than the old one. But sometimes it is a terrible experience. The client should always be alerted in advance if they're being switched to an unfamiliar stylist.

What's your recourse? You can express your dissatisfaction, walk out and make certain you aren't charged for the service. Or give the new stylist a try.

In the future, be proactive. Early on, get your stylist's contact info. If the stylist says that's not allowed, give your email and cellphone to the stylist with a note explaining why you want to be have the info — so you can be sure to follow to a new employer if that ever happens.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have hardly any eyebrows left and the ones I do have are very light. I found a powdery eye shadow that worked great but is no longer available. I've tried eyebrow pencils but applying pressure pulls out the hairs I have left. Any suggestions?

— *Emily S.*

Dear Emily: I've had excellent results from eyebrow wands that contain fibers. The brand I favor has been discontinued — of course — but unlike most of my discontinued favorites, I bought a half-dozen when I detected them hard to find at the drugstore. I haven't tested other similar products that go on like mascara, but an internet search for "eyebrow makeup with fibers" turns up a good selection of wands from under $8 (walmart.com, amazon.com, drugstores) to over $25. Readers: Let me hear about your fiber-infused brow makeup favorites.

Reader Rants

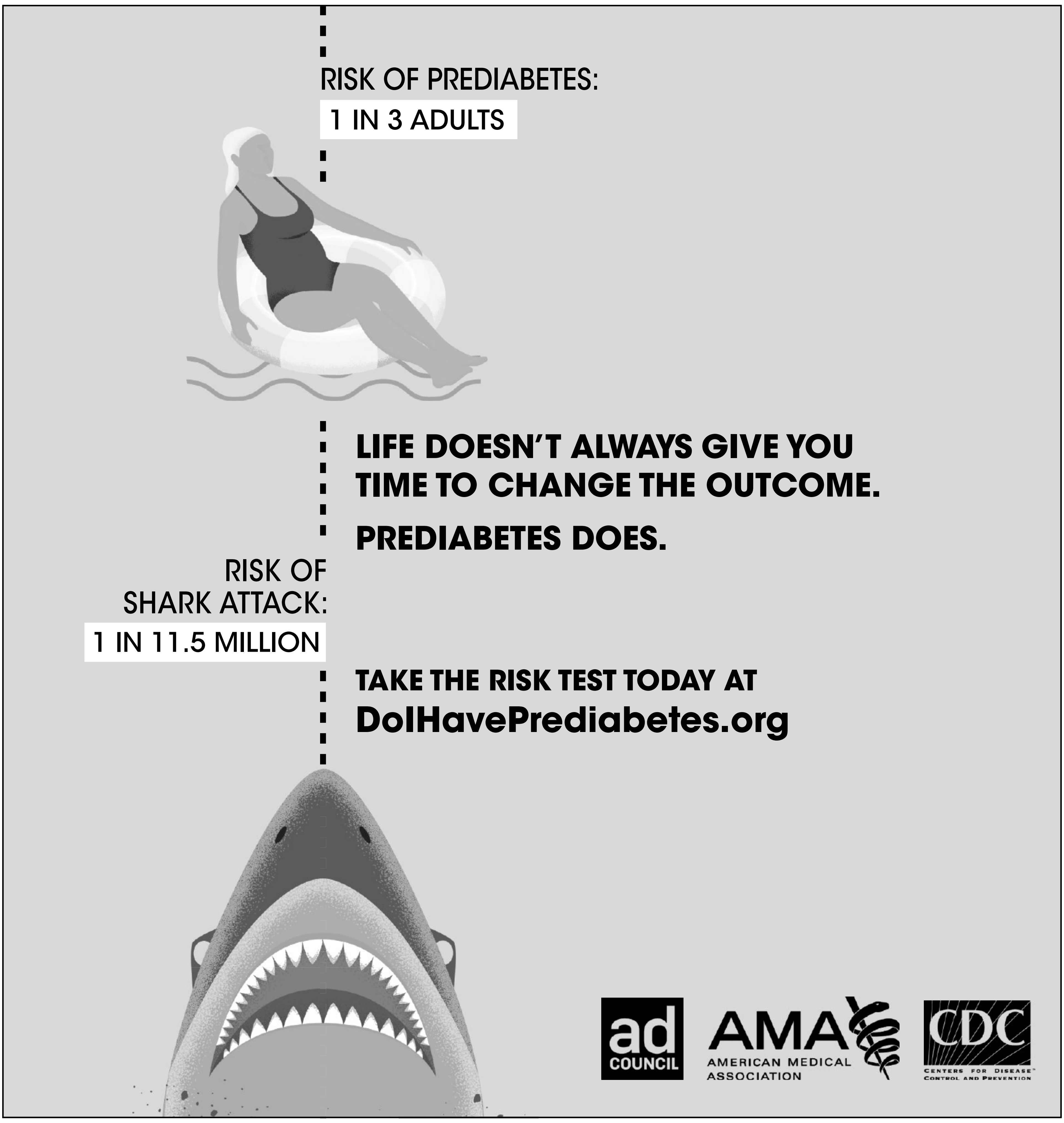
Just a small selection from your gripes to start the new year ...

Bobbie W. asks: "What is it with long-sleeve women's T-shirts? Be it crew neck or turtleneck cotton tops, the sleeves are SO tight on the arms — all the way down to the wrists. Are the manufacturers skimping on the material to save money? Boy, in some I can hardly bend my arms. Get it right manufacturers. We need comfortable arms!!!!!"

Patricia L. says: "I wish there was an industry standard for labels on coats that indicated how warm a garment would be. It would be nice to know that the jacket you've selected would keep you (or your child) comfortable during football practice."

Ann A. asks: "Can someone please tell clothing manufacturers to stop making drop-shoulder women's shirts, sweaters, etc.? This style was popular in the '80s; it was ugly and unflattering then, and is ugly and unflattering now! Thanks!"

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.



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REAL ESTATE

Traffic in a section of Vancouver, British Columbia, where immigrants make up a significant portion of the population. A new law bans people who are not Canadian from immediately buying residential property. **JACKIE DIVES/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2020**

Want to buy a house in Canada?

NOT SO FAST

By Michael Kaminer
The New York Times

Last summer, after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the landmark 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade, Americans flooded Google and typed in “how to move to Canada” — the search term spiked 850% in one hour. “How to become a Canadian citizen” spiked 550%.

Moving to Canada has long been a knee-jerk impulse when domestic politics turn sour, and not just in the United States. In Britain, the “How to move to Canada” search shot up in June 2016, shortly after the Brexit referendum.

But Canada may not want you anymore — at least, it’s making it much harder to buy property there. As of Jan. 1, America’s friendly neighbor to the north has enacted a wide-ranging ban on the purchase of residential property by non-Canadians for two years.

Like many countries during the pandemic, Canada saw huge price increases for both sales and rentals as borrowing rates plunged to record lows, taking inventory with them. In the midst of a bruising election campaign in 2021, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s Liberal Party of Canada took a swing at a housing crisis that was becoming a political crisis. “The desirability of Canadian homes is attracting profiteers, wealthy corporations, and foreign investors,” proclaimed a campaign website. “Homes are for people, not investors.”

After a close election victory, the party last spring quietly introduced the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, putting foreign homebuyers in the crosshairs.

The proposal was a response to a widespread political sentiment, but it “sounded absurd,” said Jacky Chan, the Vancouver-based founder and CEO of BakerWest Real Estate, which markets luxury high-rise condominiums nationwide.

“As multicultural as Vancouver and Canada are, there is a sentiment around, ‘Yeah, Asians, foreigners, immigrants are coming here, buying up real estate, eating supply and driving up prices,’ ” said Chan. “Most foreigners buying real estate are not speculators. They’re immigrants buying homes to live in.”

Besides, regional governments were already working to address skyrocketing house prices. In Ontario, the provincial government raised the real estate speculation tax for foreign buyers from 20% to 25%. British Columbia enacted a 20% tax on international homebuyers. And the measures seemed to be working — foreign investment in real estate fell from a high of 9% of residential sales in June 2016 to about 1% in June 2022, according to data from the British Columbia Ministry of Finance. “No developer in his right mind was even

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ELITE STREET

Griffin sells 66th-floor condo in Park Tower for $11.2M

By Bob Goldsborough
For Chicago Tribune

Billionaire Ken Griffin on Jan. 13 sold an 8,000-square-foot condominium on the 66th floor of the Park Tower building on the Near North Side for $11.2 million — easily the highest Chicago-area home sale price in this new year.

Griffin, who recently relocated his hedge fund firm, Citadel, and his family to South Florida after complaining about crime in Chicago, took a meaningful loss on the unit, which he bought for $15 million in 2012.

That means that his sale price Friday was more than 25% less than what he paid for the unit more than a decade earlier.

Griffin now has unloaded the second of four high-priced condominium on the Near North Side that he recently placed on the market — all of which were listed for more than $11 million each.

In October he sold his five-bedroom, 7,400-square-foot full-floor condo on the 37th floor of the Waldorf Astoria — which had been Griffin’s most recent legal residence — to an opaque Delaware limited liability company for $10.22 million, which was $1.27 million below his asking price and $3.07 million, or 23%, less than the $13.3 million that Griffin had paid for that condo in 2014.

Still on the market are a 9,250-square-foot, full-floor penthouse condominium on the Park Tower’s 67th floor, which is available for $15.75 million, and a 7,085-square-foot unfinished condominium on the 35th floor of the building at 9 W. Walton St., which is listed for $14 million.

Griffin continues to own the 36th through 38th floors of the building at 9 W. Walton St., and there’s no word yet on when or if he will place those for sale.

As for the 66th-floor Park Tower unit, Griffin first listed

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Fire, insurance put owners in tough spot

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

A litigation attorney who has expertise in insurance claims might be able to help after a fire. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: We live in a townhouse. The unit attached to ours had a major fire. The fire also caused considerable damage to our home. We have been in temporary housing for the past 17 months waiting for our home to be restored. We have depleted our insurance allotment through our insurance company. We recently heard that our neighbor's bank foreclosed on the house that caused the fire. Can we put a lien on that home for our out-of-pocket expenses after our coverage reached its limit?

A: First, we're so sorry this happened to you. This is one of those curveballs life sometimes throws that can really upend your life. The silver lining, of course, is that you seem to have no ongoing health issues related to the fire.

We assume that you and your neighbor owned your respective town home units outright and you are not part of a homeowners association. So, you carry insurance on your home and your neighbor has insurance to cover damage or loss to the property. In some homeowners associations, the association carries insurance that covers damage or loss of the buildings and the owners only need insurance coverage for the interior of the homes (and the home's contents).

The main reason to buy homeowners insurance is to protect you from catastrophic events, which is what this fire was. You've been out of your home for 17 months and your insurance covered your expenses for living out of your home after a casualty for up to 12 months. Now that the 12 months are up, any additional housing expenses you incur are on your dime.

If you carry sufficient insurance coverage, your policy should cover the rebuilding, repairing and restoring of your home. We suspect that your insurance company is doing this, as you didn't mention any problems with how much money your insurance company is providing for the restoration. It seems the only issue you're having is with the length of time it's taking you to rebuild post-fire.

As for your neighbor, you may well have a claim against them for the fire that started in their home. Did your neighbor carry sufficient homeowners insurance? Possibly not, since it appears they've decided to move on and let their lender foreclose.

If your neighbor didn't have insurance, or carry a big enough policy, getting money from your neighbor or their insurance carrier could be an uphill battle. It's possible your neighbor had some coverage, just not enough to cover the repairs needed on his property. It's also possible they also carried an umbrella liability policy that could cover not only the repairs to your property but also your losses due to the fire.

Your insurance carrier may have already thought of this and has filed a claim against the neighbor's insurance to cover the cost of the repairs and out of pocket expenses on your town home.

That doesn't mean it isn't worth exploring. Talk with a litigation attorney who has expertise in insurance claims about what options you have and whether it's worth doing some sleuthing first to make sure you have a good chance of getting something from the neighbor or their insurance carrier.

Why do we say this? Let's assume your neighbor's liability limit on their insurance policy is $300,000, and the insurance company paid out that much to the neighbor and their lender (since there was a mortgage on the property). We doubt you'll get any money by going after the neighbor in that situation.

But if the neighbor has a million dollar limit on their policy, and only used up $300,000, you have a chance to get reimbursed and get your attorney's costs covered as well.

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Are CDs guaranteed?

By Sabrina Karl

When it comes to earning a return on your money, most options trade risk for return. The greater the risk you're willing to accept, the more you can potentially earn.

Certificates of deposit are no exception, except in reverse: in exchange for a modest, capped return, your risk is almost nil.

CDs are virtually risk-free in two ways. First, they carry an explicit, unmovable interest rate. You know before depositing funds what rate the bank or credit union has agreed to pay you, and for what period of time you're both committed.

The only exceptions are CDs with names like "raise your rate". These special certificates allow you to improve your rate during the CD's term, at your direction. But they don't include any reciprocal option for the financial institution to do the rate changing.

But what if the bank with your CD goes under? Even here, you're almost always protected. The vast majority of banks are FDIC-insured, as are most credit unions, with NCUA insurance. These two federal programs provide an important safety net to consumers, keeping them whole even in the case of a bank failure.

Deposit insurance covers up to $250,000 held by one individual at a single bank. So if you have more than that in deposit accounts, you'll want to spread it out across multiple institutions.

A bank failure does present the only real risk of a CD, since you'll likely be offered the choice of cashing out your CD, or continuing at an almost certainly lower rate. Your risk, therefore, is only the possible loss of earning the CD's advertised rate for the full term.

An infinitesimal number of banks fail these days, so for savers wanting to invest some of their funds in stable, fixed-return vehicles, there is hardly a safer option than CDs.

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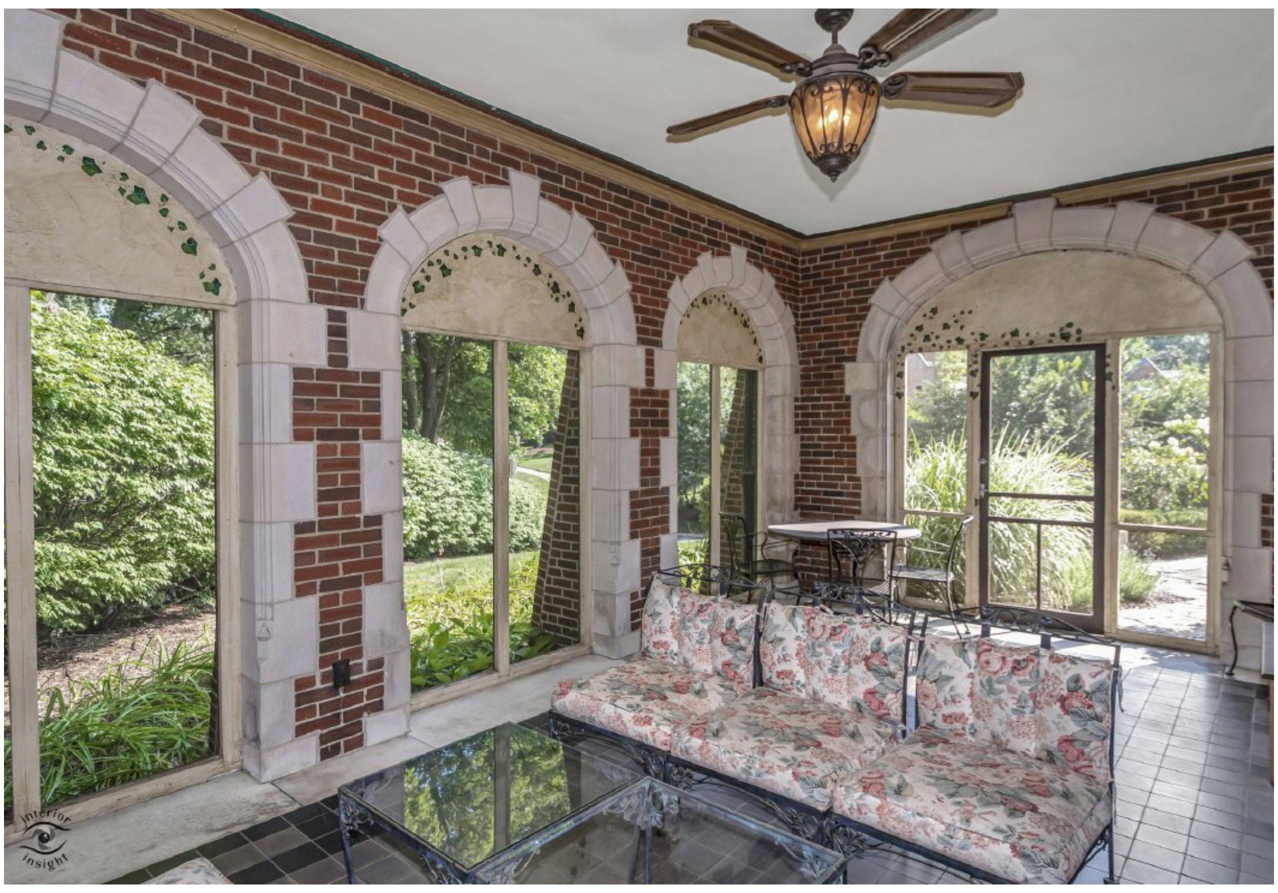

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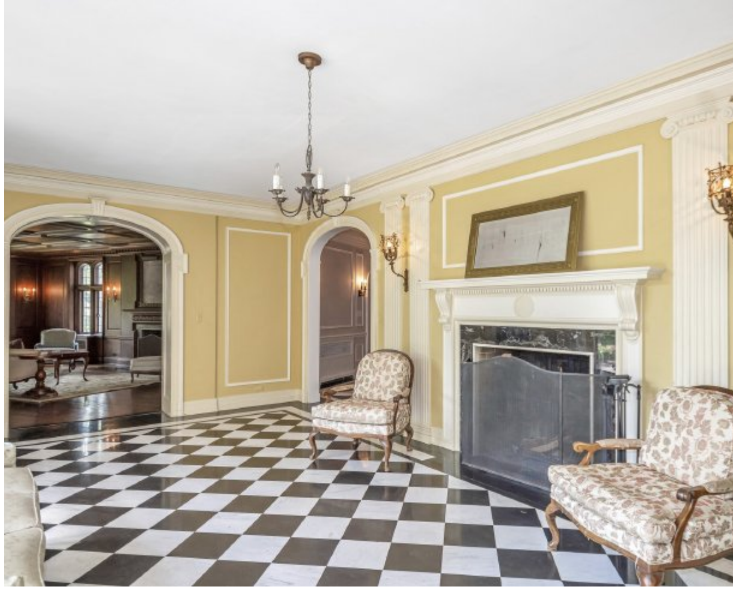
Beverly 7-bedroom home with marble foyer: $1.8M



Address: 2122 W. Hopkins Place, Chicago
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This seven-bedroom home has six full bathrooms, three half-baths, a marble foyer, library and sunroom. The kitchen features the original Jewett custom-built refrigerator, a pantry and breakfast room. The living room has a custom plaster ceiling and moldings. The primary bedroom suite, on the second level, has a sitting room with a fireplace. A slate roof, custom woodwork and three-car detached garage with a coach house above it complete this home.

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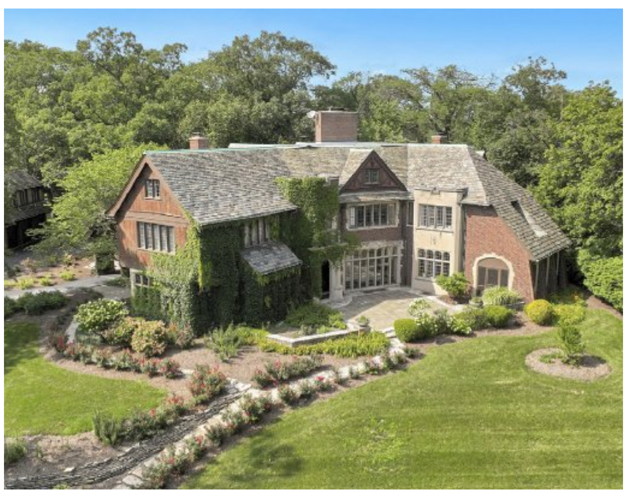

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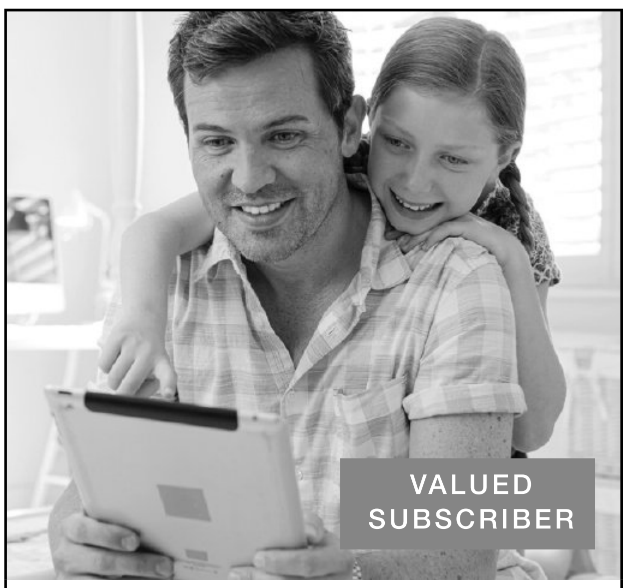

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More of your paycheck goes to paying the rent, data shows

By Stefanos Chen
The New York Times

Since the pandemic, renters in New York City have had to work 85 hours a month to pay the average monthly rent of $3,212. **BRAD DICKSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2018**

With skyrocketing rents, landlords aren't just taking more of your cash — they're spending more of your time.

The typical full-time employee in the United States worked nearly 63 hours in October to pay an average rent of $2,040 — almost six hours more than in October 2019, before the pandemic, according to data from the listing company Zillow. In other words, about 36% of the average renter's gross income is spent on housing.

"That is rent-burdened," said Jeff Tucker, a senior economist at Zillow who focused his analysis on work hours to give renters a sense of what rising rents truly cost. (Generally, spending more than 30% of gross income on rent is considered unaffordable, according to the New York University Furman Center.)

The widening gap is the result of a frenzied housing market spurred by big-city workers relocating to relatively cheaper markets, as wage increases have struggled to keep pace, Tucker said. The average hourly wage has grown 23% over the past five years, according to Zillow's analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics data — but national rents have climbed almost 37% during the same period. (Zillow used a repeat-rent index, which compares price changes for individual apartments.)

Among the 50 largest U.S. metro areas, the markets where workers spent the most time covering the rent were in cities that surged in popularity during the pandemic, primarily in sunny California and Florida. The least affordable market was Miami, where the average full-time employee needed to work 96 hours a month — more than 2 ½ weeks of work — to cover the average rent of $2,827 in October. That's nearly 21 hours more than in October 2019, before rents soared by 50%.

The second most time-consuming market was Riverside, California, where it took 88.5 hours to pay an average rent of $2,584, followed by New York City (nearly 85 work hours to cover the average $3,212 rent), San Diego (84 hours for $3,105 rent) and Los Angeles (80 hours for $2,979 rent).

The least grueling cities to eke out a living were lower-paying metros primarily in the Midwest. The most affordable market was St. Louis, at just under 37 hours to cover the average $1,273 rent.

Only three metros became slightly more affordable over the past three years: San Francisco, San Jose and Boston — pricey markets where wage growth has more closely matched climbing rent.

Two big factors account for swelling prices: a national inventory shortage, and the migration of more affluent renters to less expensive markets, Tucker said. "You can rent and buy a place in Florida for what still seems like a bargain by New York standards," he said. "That's contributing to an affordability challenge, and it's especially acute for the people whose jobs are tied to the local economy."

Canada

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targeting them," Chan said. "Why would a ban make sense?"

By mid-2022, prices across Canada had already begun to recede. But in June, without fanfare, the prohibition on foreign buyers was signed into law. In fact, it had gone largely undetected, even by many real estate professionals.

"This was one line in a document," said Julie Cote, senior manager of the real estate taxation practice for nonresidents at the FL Fuller Landau accounting firm in Montreal. "Then, silence. They never let the world know this was actually happening."

Trudeau and other politicians have said little about the law since it passed, and it has received scant coverage from local media outlets. "Trying to get information from the government about this has been a hell of a task," Cote said.

That may be because the law has stirred accusations of xenophobia. As immigration numbers hit all-time highs in Canada — census data released in October revealed that immigrants now make up 23% of the population, with the vast majority coming from India and China — some industry veterans say there is a connection.

Non-Canadians "got a lot of blame for the housing crisis, and it was a big issue politically," said Brendon Ogmundson, chief economist of the British Columbia Real Estate Association. "But the pandemic shut off nearly the entire segment of foreign buyers, and prices still hit an all-time high. That's evidence that foreign buyers are not significant drivers of the market, and this ban will not affect anything."

Michael Bourque, the Ottawa-based CEO of the Canadian Real Estate Association, called the law "an affront to Canada's brand as a welcoming, multicultural nation."

Federal officials declined to answer questions for this article. Housing Minister Ahmed Hussen did not return requests for comment. In an emailed statement, Adrienne Vaupshas, a spokesperson for Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland, said the legislation targets a narrow segment of speculators. "This measure prohibits foreign commercial enterprises and people who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents from acquiring nonrecreational, residential property in Canada," Vaupshas wrote.

On Dec. 21, six months after the law was passed, the government issued a brief set of regulations, including exemptions and enforcement. They explained that the prohibition applies only in "census metropolitan areas" and "census agglomerations" — basically, cities that meet certain population criteria — and not to vacation homes in "recreational areas." Exemptions include buyers with Canadian spouses or partners, refugees and foreigners buying multifamily dwellings with more than three units (which could theoretically be rented to Canadians).

As for scofflaws, penalties of up to around $7,500 dollars may be imposed "on any party found guilty of knowingly assisting a non-Canadian in contravening the prohibition." And offending buyers may be forced to sell the property, "receiving no more than the purchase price paid."

For some, the regulations fell short of resolving the nuances of the law. "There are no significant clarifications," said Stephen Cryne, the president and CEO of the Canadian Employee Relocation Council, which advises companies on workforce mobility.

Brokers say the ambiguity has left them paralyzed. Most foreign buyers will simply wait for the law to expire in two years.

Although it exempts newcomers with residency status, the ban comes amid aggressive new immigration targets in Canada, announced last month and aimed at filling nearly 1 million job vacancies across the country. The government has proposed welcoming 465,000 new permanent residents in 2023 and more than 500,000 in 2025, even as applications for permanent residency fell sharply this year, according to government figures. During a news conference to announce the goals, Sean Fraser, Canada's minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, said: "Look, folks, it's simple to me: Canada needs more people."

But Cryne said the law could have the opposite result. "This will have a chilling effect for people who want to move here, work here, and settle with their families," he said.

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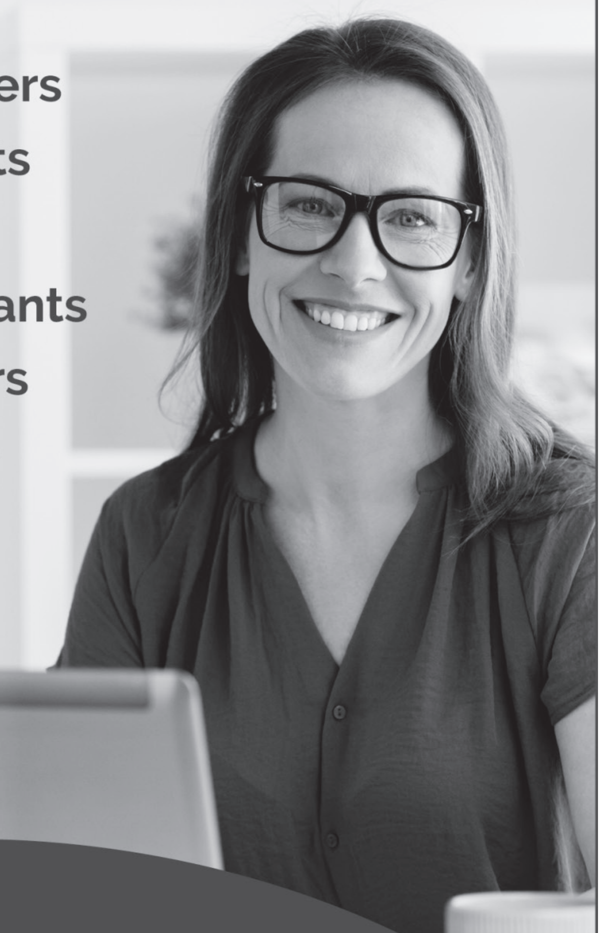

Elite

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it in July for $13.25 million and struck the deal to sell it in November. The unit is raw space — Griffin bought it 12 years after his $6.9 million purchase in 2000 of the Park Tower's 67th-floor unit, which at one time was his family's residence. However, Griffin never built out the 66th-floor unit, which has 13-foot ceilings, 360-degree views and 550 square feet of outdoor space.

Listing agent Susan Miner of Premier Relocation did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The 66th-floor unit had a $165,124 property tax bill in the 2021 tax year.

Oak Park home that is an early design by Frank Lloyd Wright listed for $595,000: A three-bedroom, 2,064-square-foot house in Oak Park that is an early design by architect Frank Lloyd Wright is on the market for $595,000.

Built in 1898 and known as the George Smith Home, the shingle-style house on Home Avenue was listed in December for $770,000, and already has undergone two price reductions — first to $629,900 and now to $595,000.

The home has been owned by the same family for more than six decades and not been on the market during that entire time.

The house was built for Smith, who was a salesperson for Marshall Field & Co. Listing agent Catherine Cannon told Elite Street that "the inside needs work, but it has high ceilings, spacious rooms and nice delivery from room to room." She also noted that the district in which the house is located ensures that its exterior is protected. As such, the home can't be demolished.

"It's not the norm of a Frank Lloyd Wright house that's a Prairie-style home," Cannon said. "But it's bright, sunny and cheery with big rooms, and it's got a great floor plan. And it has beautiful bands around the room, with high baseboards, woodwork and Roman-style brick on the fireplace and the inlaid floor."

Cannon told Elite Street that the house now is "priced to sell" and that it's an ideal project for someone looking to renovate a historic home.

"When they finish everything, I think it's going to be a real showstopper," she said.

The house has 1 ½ bathrooms, a large fireplace in the living room, 10-foot ceilings on the first floor, a wood staircase and sunroom.

The home had a $16,568 property tax bill in the 2021 tax year.

A three-bedroom, 2,064-square-foot house in Oak Park that is an early design by architect Frank Lloyd Wright is on the market for $595,000. **COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR**

A four-bedroom, 5,000-square-foot contemporary-style house on Lake Michigan in Lake Forest sold Jan. 10 for $5.75 million. **LAKE COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Lake Forest home designed by midcentury modern architect John Black Lee sells for nearly $6M: A four-bedroom, 5,000-square-foot contemporary-style house on Lake Michigan in Lake Forest sold Jan. 10 for $5.75 million.

Designed by midcentury modern architect John Black Lee, the one-story contemporary-style house on Bluffs Edge Drive is situated on the grounds of industrialist Cyrus Hall McCormick Jr.'s onetime 150-acre Walden estate, which before it was subdivided in the late 1950s contained a 50-room shingle-style mansion that had been designed in 1896 by architect Jarvis Hunt. That mansion was demolished in 1956.

Built in 1960, the one-story contemporary-style house that just sold sits on 2.2 acres on the lake. It was renovated and expanded a decade ago by the sellers and has 4 ½ bathrooms, three fireplaces, a new roof and family room with built-ins and walls of floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors overlooking the lake.

The house also has a kitchen with white cabinets, a large center island and breakfast room that connects to a screened porch.

Meanwhile, the home's primary bedroom suite has large windows with lake views, a bathroom with a double vanity and a glass shower and a large walk-in closet.

Among the house's biggest draws are its outdoor features. It is situated on a bluff, with 265 feet of Lake Michigan frontage. The property also contains the McCormick estate's original balustrade and pergola, known as Ravello after a hilltop community in Italy.

The sellers paid $2.1 million in 2011 for the home. They first listed it in September for $5.99 million and went under contract to sell it just a week later.

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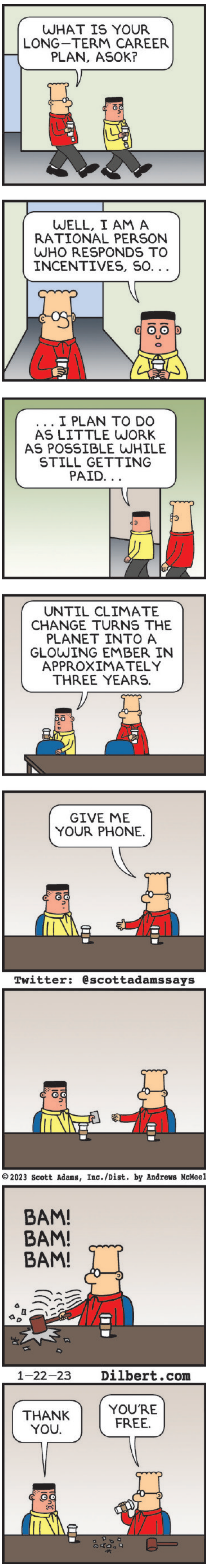
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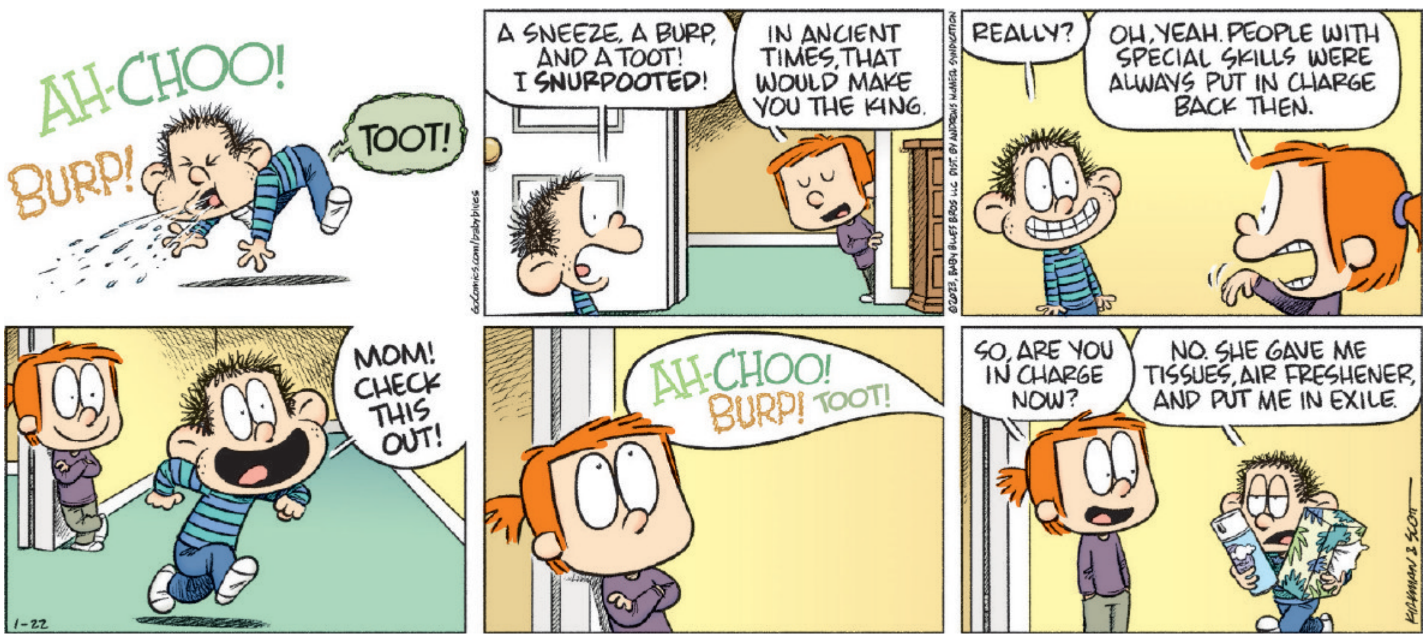
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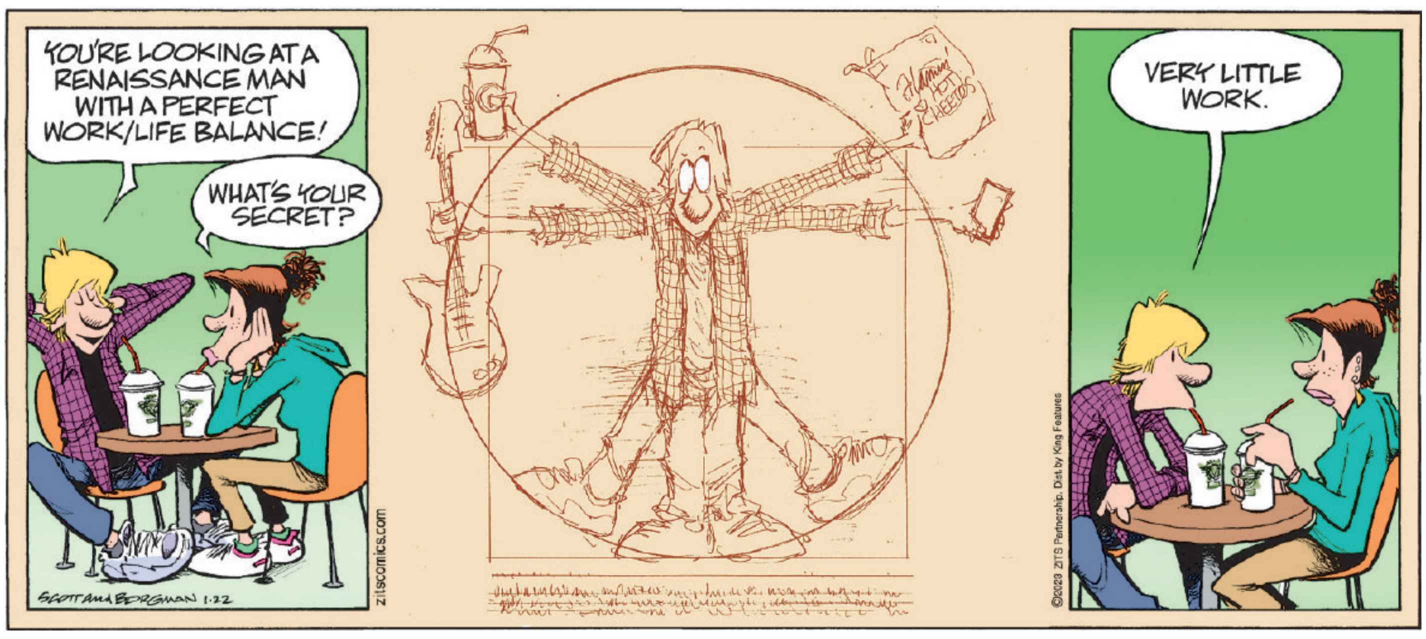
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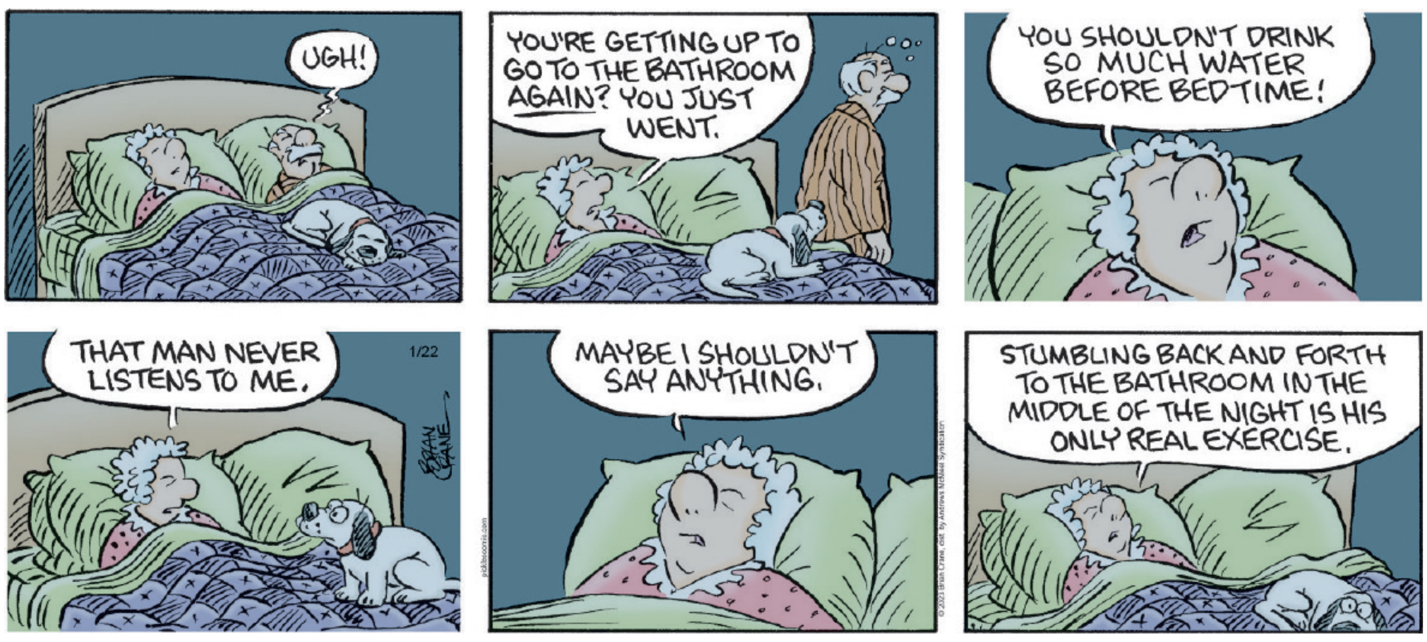
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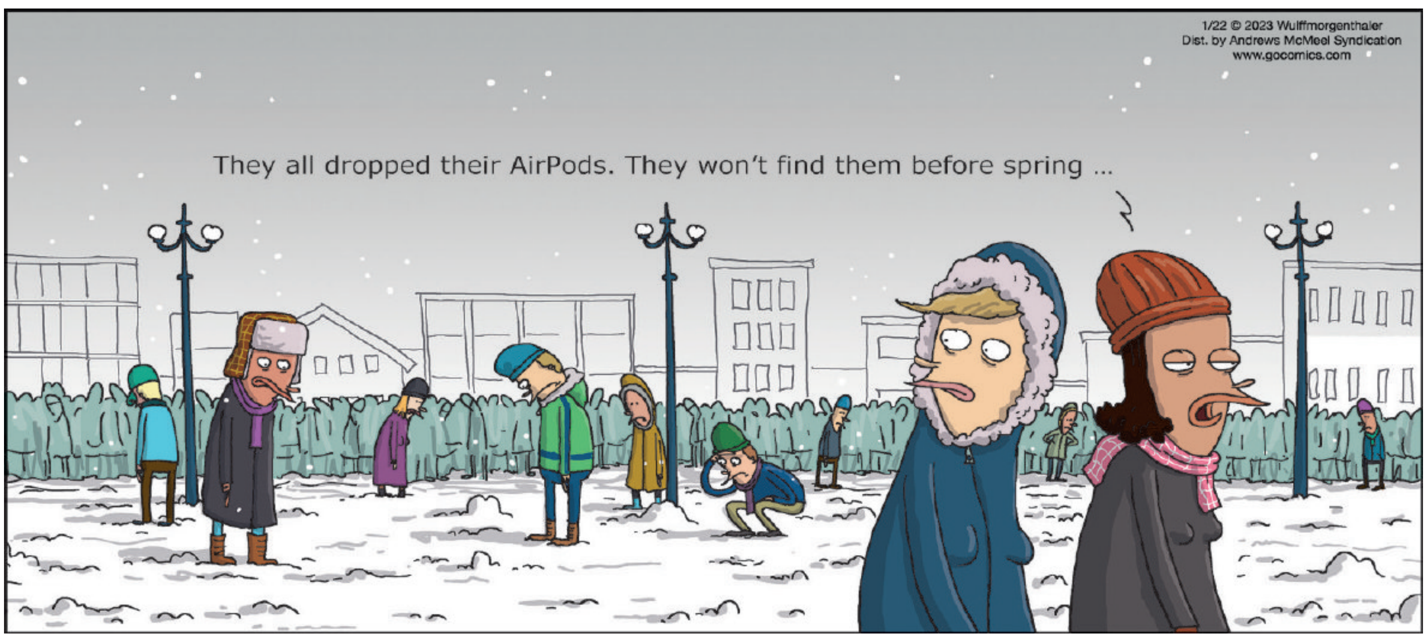
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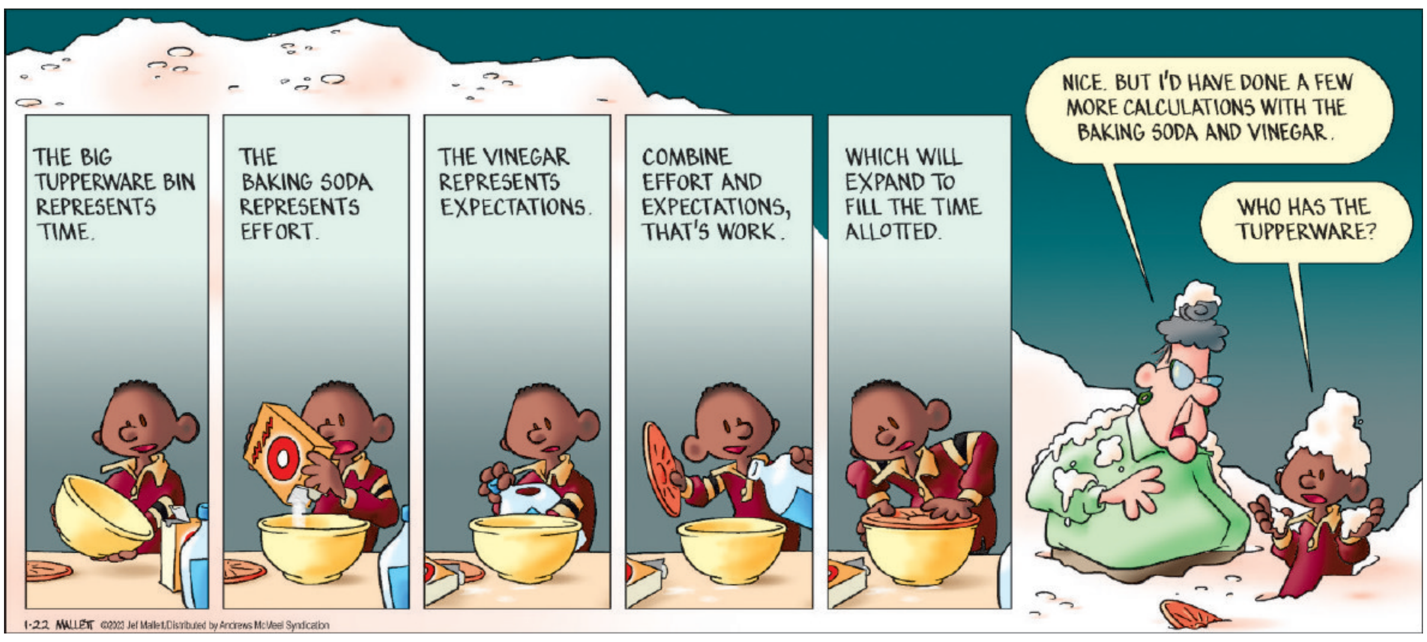
THE BIG TUPPERWARE BIN REPRESENTS TIME.
THE BAKING SODA REPRESENTS EFFORT.
THE VINEGAR REPRESENTS EXPECTATIONS.
COMBINE EFFORT AND EXPECTATIONS, THAT'S WORK.
WHICH WILL EXPAND TO FILL THE TIME ALLOTTED.
NICE. BUT I'D HAVE DONE A FEW MORE CALCULATIONS WITH THE BAKING SODA AND VINEGAR.
WHO HAS THE TUPPERWARE?
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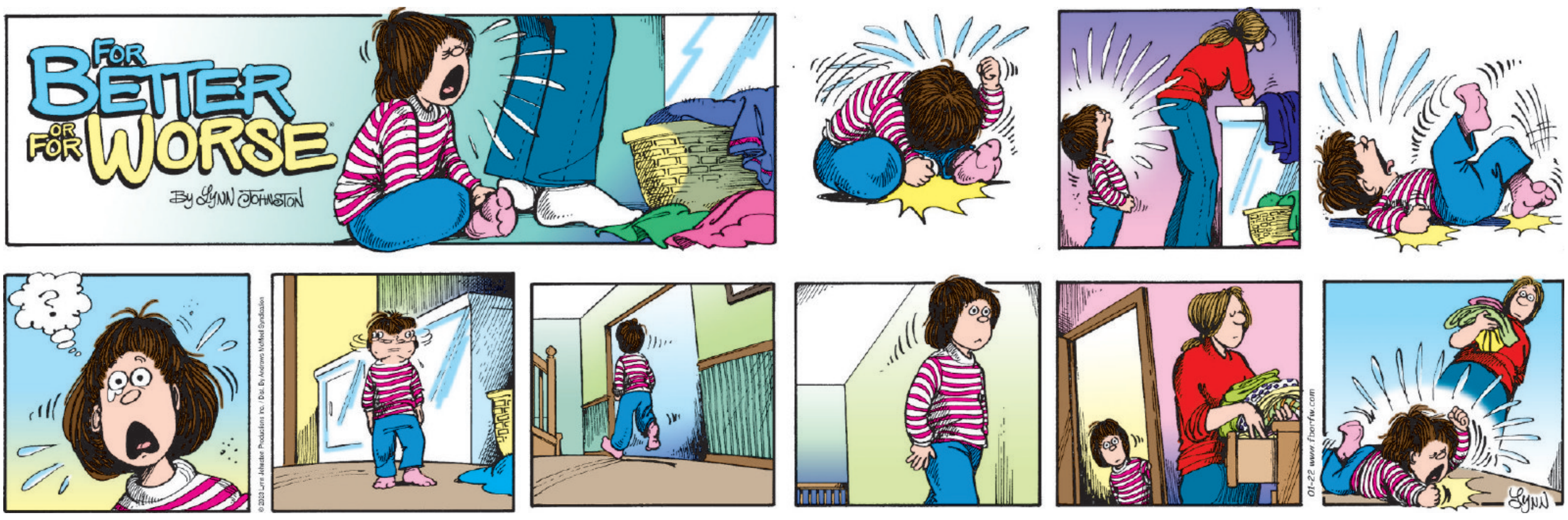
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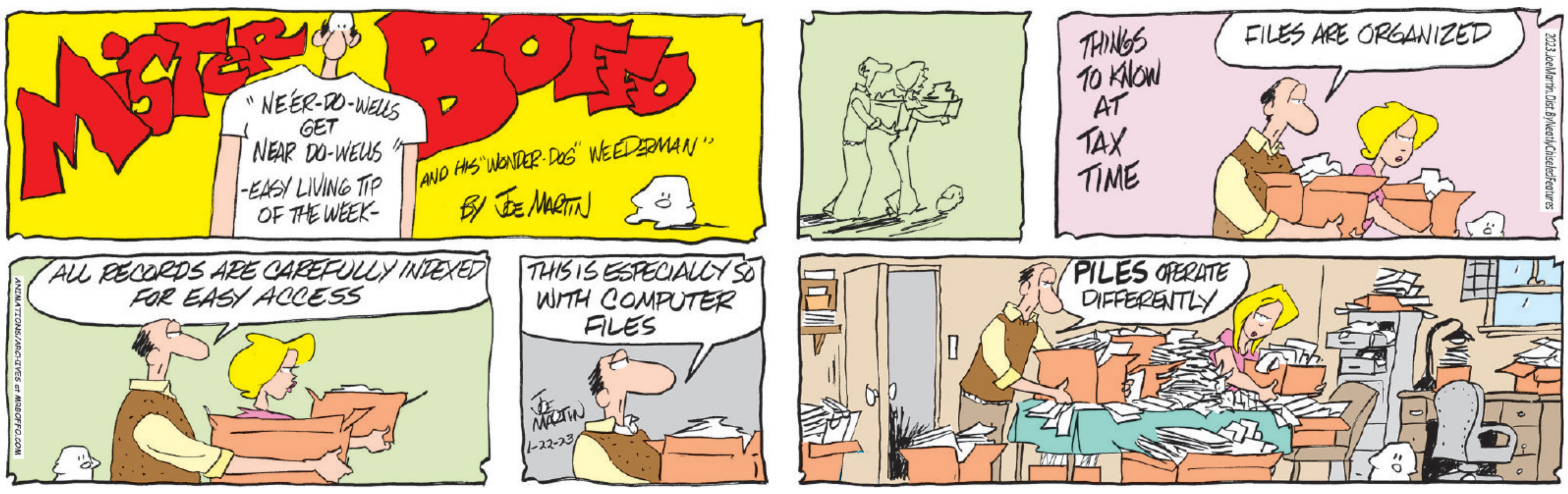
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AND HIS "WONDER-DOG" WEEDERMAN"
BY JOE MARTIN
THINGS TO KNOW AT TAX TIME
FILES ARE ORGANIZED
ALL RECORDS ARE CAREFULLY INDEXED FOR EASY ACCESS
THIS IS ESPECIALLY SO WITH COMPUTER FILES
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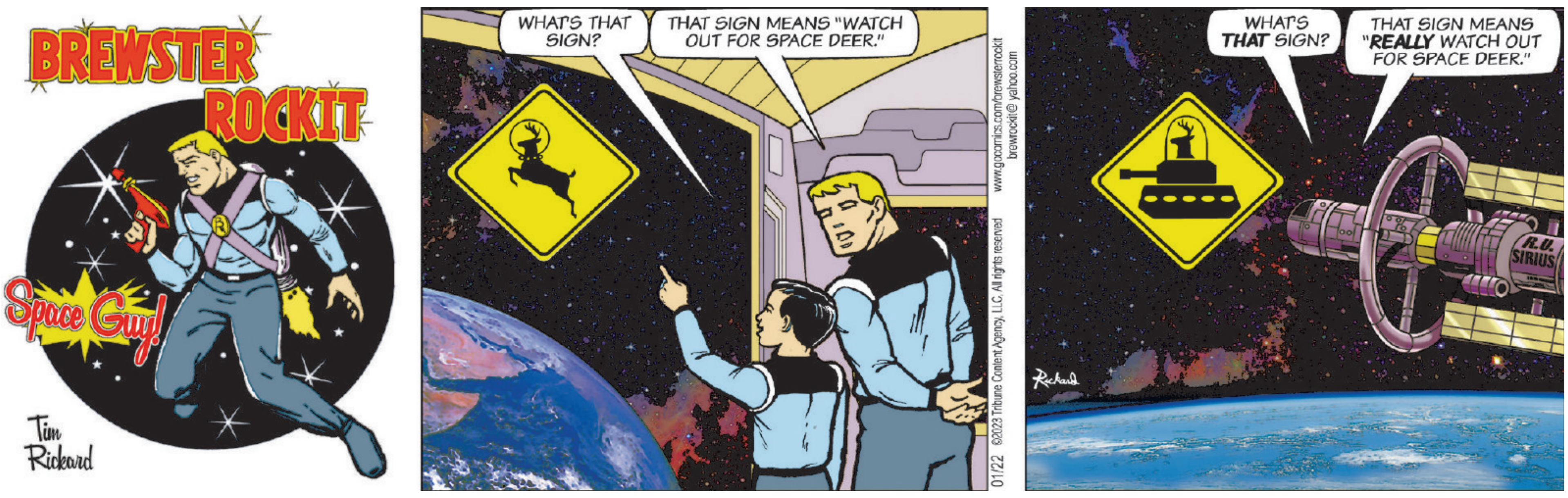
BREWSTER ROCKIT
Space Guy!
Tim Rickard
WHAT'S THAT SIGN?
THAT SIGN MEANS "WATCH OUT FOR SPACE DEER."
WHAT'S THAT SIGN?
THAT SIGN MEANS "REALLY WATCH OUT FOR SPACE DEER."
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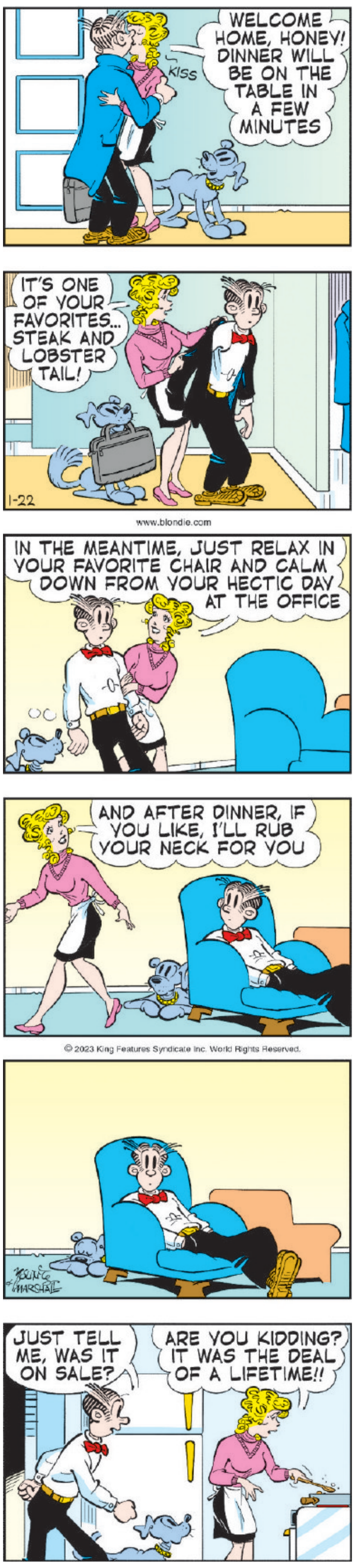
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall


WELCOME HOME, HONEY! DINNER WILL BE ON THE TABLE IN A FEW MINUTES
KISS
IT'S ONE OF YOUR FAVORITES... STEAK AND LOBSTER TAIL!
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IN THE MEANTIME, JUST RELAX IN YOUR FAVORITE CHAIR AND CALM DOWN FROM YOUR HECTIC DAY AT THE OFFICE
AND AFTER DINNER, IF YOU LIKE, I'LL RUB YOUR NECK FOR YOU
YOUNG & MARSHALL
JUST TELL ME, WAS IT ON SALE?
ARE YOU KIDDING? IT WAS THE DEAL OF A LIFETIME!!

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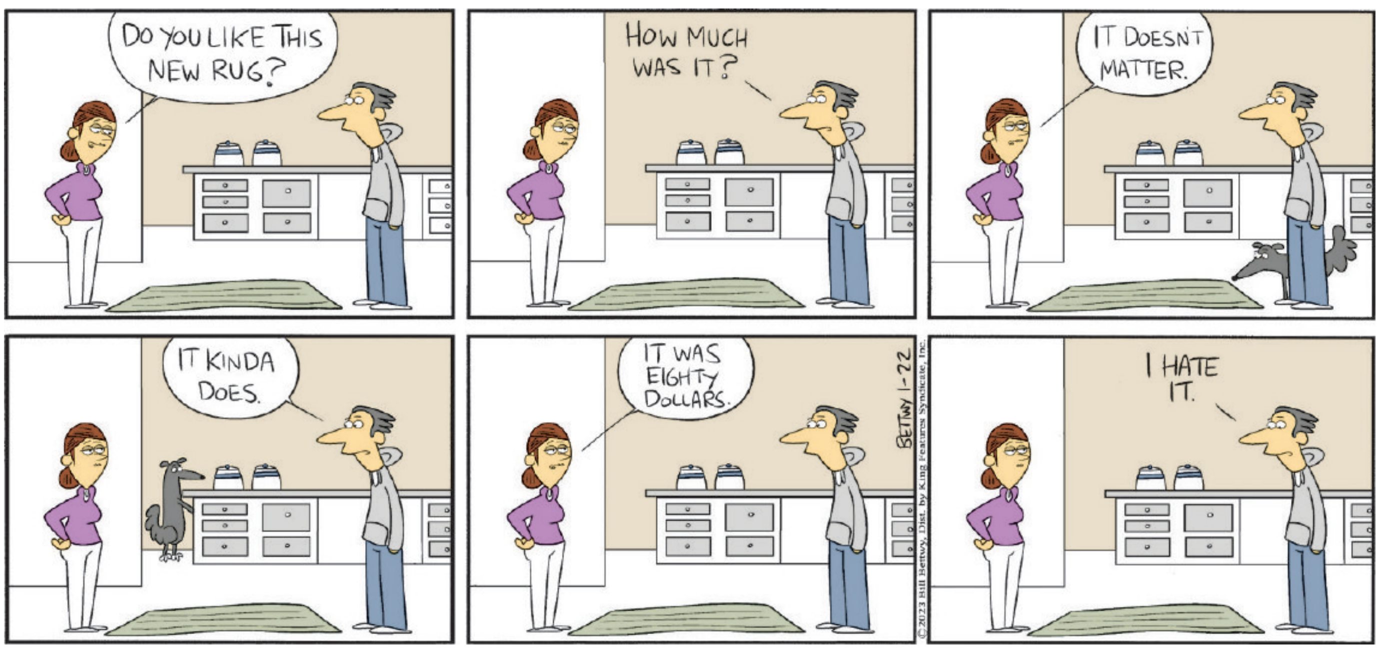
Take It From the Tinkersons By Bill Bettwy


DO YOU LIKE THIS NEW RUG?
HOW MUCH WAS IT?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
IT KINDA DOES.
IT WAS EIGHTY DOLLARS.
I HATE IT.

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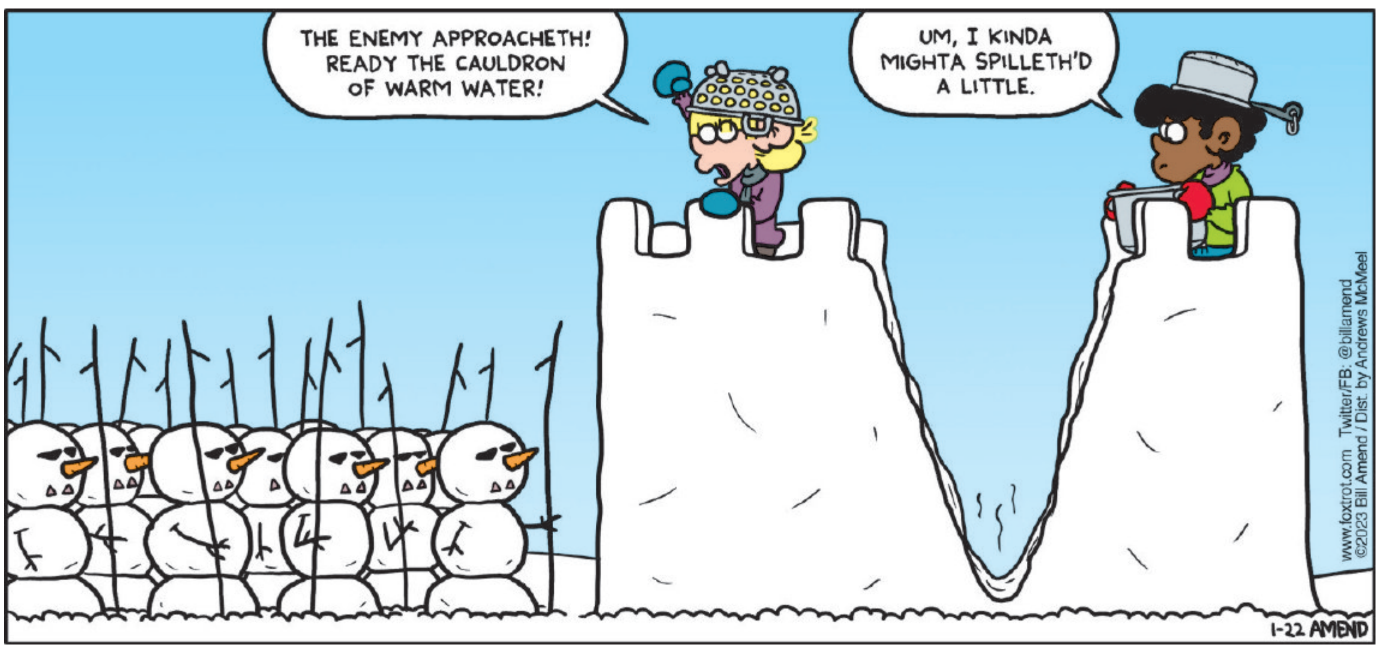
THE ENEMY APPROACHETH! READY THE CAULDRON OF WARM WATER!
UM, I KINDA MIGHTA SPILLETH'D A LITTLE.

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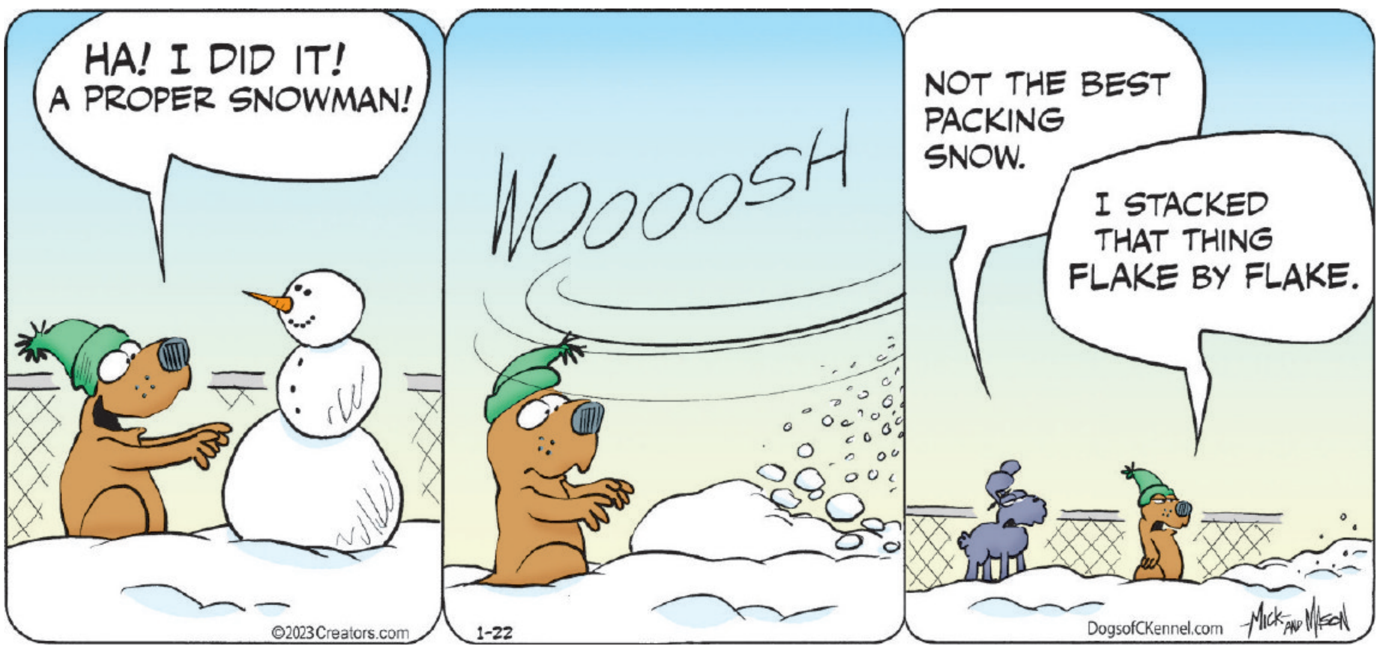
Dogs of C-Kennel By Mick and Mason Mastroianni


HA! I DID IT! A PROPER SNOWMAN!
WOOOOOSH
NOT THE BEST PACKING SNOW.
I STACKED THAT THING FLAKE BY FLAKE.

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MICK AND MASON

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WATER LOG: For which you'll stay dry

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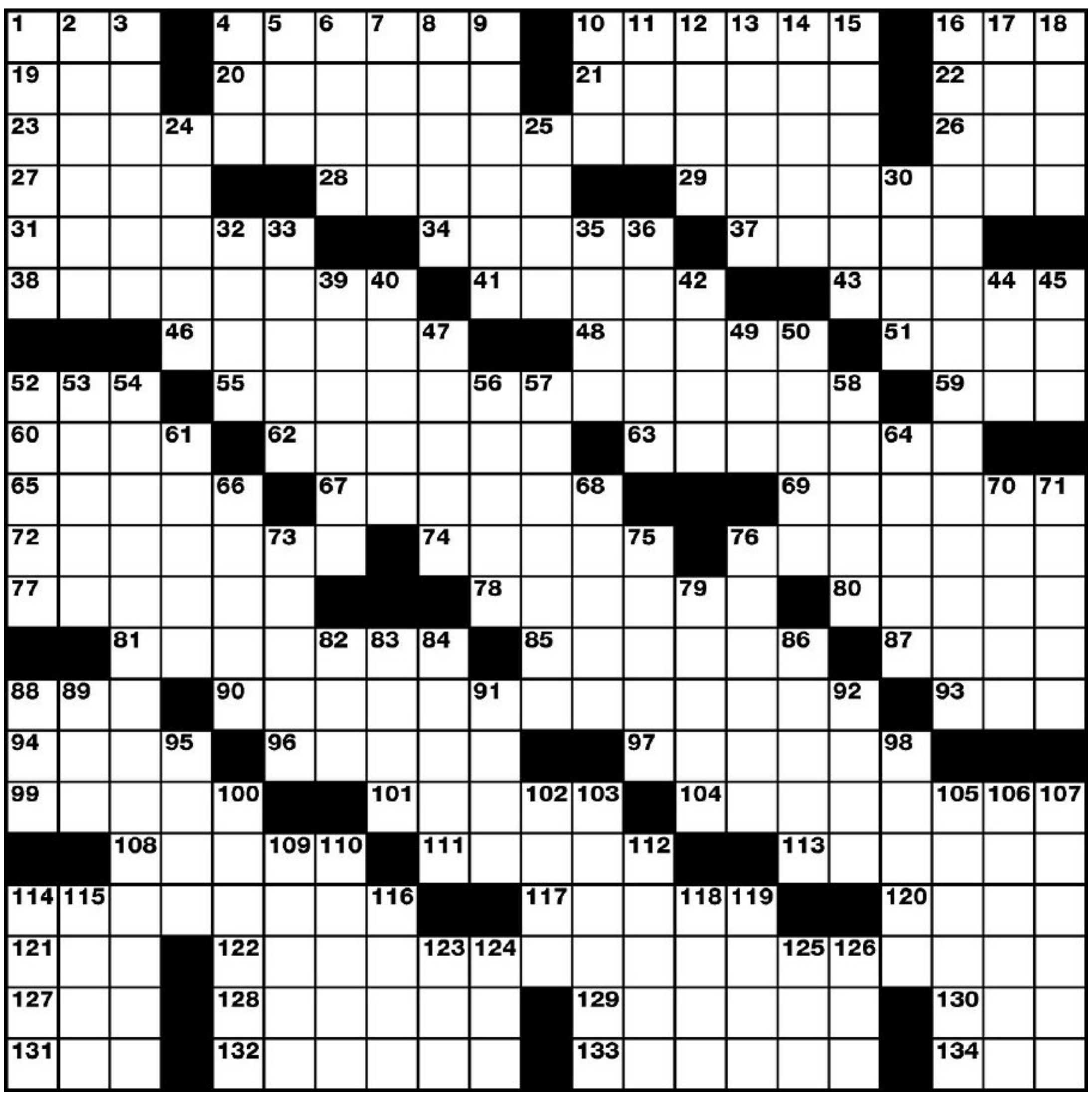

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Across

1 Homer Simpson shout
4 Weather map line
10 Went separate ways
16 Jamaican pop music
19 "... __ he drove out of sight"
20 Be generous
21 Help make possible
22 Furnace fuel
23 Gives up an effort
26 GI entertainment group
27 Utmost height
28 Mandela's native language
29 Washer cycle
31 NY Mets' division
34 Goes (for)
37 Apprehension
38 Draw near
41 *60 Minutes* reporter
43 Twine fiber
46 Annoy repeatedly
48 Expanse of land
51 S&L holding
52 Software download
55 Wastes time and energy futilely
59 Monopolize
60 Minimal musical groups
62 Serengeti scavengers
63 Convention address
65 "Are you in __?"
67 Puts forth, as force
69 Shape of many a chalet
72 Embossed art
74 Pulitzer composer Ned
76 Sunday shopping ban
77 Home-building bird
78 Kiribati's capital
80 Old-school "Cool!"
81 Some Louvre works
85 Subject to a fine, say
87 Long haul
88 "Barbary" beast
90 Watches films online
93 *ER* roles
94 Guitar range
96 Can't help but
97 Provides new gear for
99 Bend forward and downward
101 Toy truck giant
104 Disposable injection units
108 Some rideshares
111 Seasonal songs
113 Top-speed run
114 Defensive walls
117 Stuck together
120 Bring to ruin
121 Orbital path
122 Starts moving in earnest
127 Tool and __ company
128 Father of the Titans
129 Moon of Jupiter
130 One in a flock
131 __ in "Stockholm"
132 Packing a punch
133 Gyrocompass inventor
134 Blog feed format: Abbr.

Down

1 Render harmless
2 Ancient prophet
3 NASCAR topper
4 Passports, for short
5 Cry audibly
6 Cameo stone
7 Spot for a soak
8 Dumas swordsman
9 Hershey brand
10 Fried rice morsel
11 Your choice of
12 Hoarse voice
13 Air Force aerobat, familiarly
14 Church dignitary
15 Some farm machines
16 Warns of danger
17 Warm greeting
18 Natural balm
24 Remove by percolation, as soil
25 Creator of Mickey and Minnie
30 "__ to please"
32 Hunk of bacon
33 Synagogue scroll
35 Backing for plaster
36 Animated ogre
39 Assent
40 Suburban London county
42 Metallic fabric
44 In years past
45 Chicken portion
47 More reasonable
49 Playfully evasive
50 Of sound quality
52 Accessorize
53 Blender setting
54 Combines several's supplies
56 Divination deck
57 Sandal features
58 Far from enjoyable
61 Set of furniture
64 Armour's Spam rival
66 Freezing temperatures
68 Immunization fluid
70 Defeated in chess
71 *Star Wars* series beasts
73 Latte foam
75 Posh residence
76 Make more alkaline
79 Bard's title spouses
82 Tax-deferred plan
83 Take a timeout
84 Kept secret
86 Inheritors
88 Workout target
89 Butter portion
91 A third of tri-
92 Very short distance
95 Japanese noodles
98 Swaggering walk
100 Invigorates
102 Brewery hardware
103 WWII side
105 More microscopic
106 Funds long-term
107 Paving pieces
109 Photocopy, for short
110 Fender guitar, for short
112 Dawn
114 Stationer's stock
115 Contralto solo
116 __ qua non (essential thing)
118 To be, to Henri
119 Cabinet cover
123 Convent member
124 Big Ben clock setting: Abbr.
125 Visa statement abbr.
126 Caribbean isle

Play It Again

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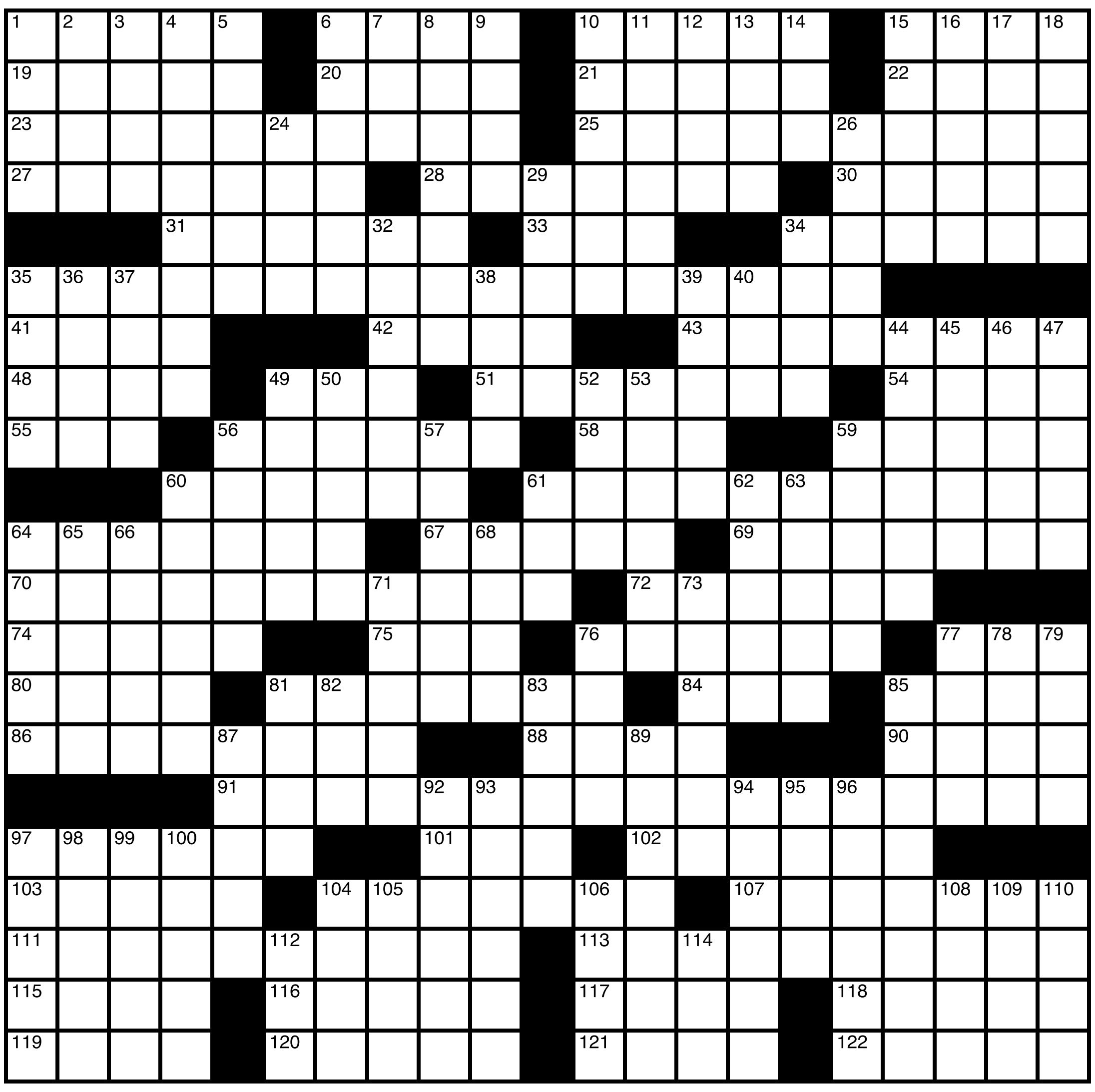

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1 Pesters online, in a way
6 Dorothy Gale's dog
10 Wore
15 Three-time WNBA MVP Leslie
19 Divvy up
20 Husband of Psyche
21 "Just tell me"
22 Iraq neighbor
23 Lizzo "remake" of the Beatles' "I Feel Fine"?
25 Dua Lipa "remake" of Katrina and the Waves' "Walking on Sunshine"?
27 Snookums
28 Defiant admission of dishonesty
30 Thirsts (for)
31 Least refined
33 Early console letters
34 Accessory for Mr. Monopoly
35 Taylor Swift "remake" of the Eagles' "Take It Easy"?
41 "__ have to do"
42 "Creed" director Coogler
43 Wimbledon surface
48 Petting zoo horse
49 LAX regulator
51 Find repugnant
54 Folder's loss
55 Doo-wop syllable
56 To no avail
58 Get-up-and-go
59 Descendant
60 "Will you let me?"
61 Marvin Gaye "remake" of Glenn Miller's "In the Mood"?
64 Direct means of access
67 Slow-cooked courses
69 Anthem played at Blue Jays games
70 Steve Miller Band "remake" of Screamin' Jay Hawkins' "I Put a Spell on You"?
72 Conditional release
74 "Rumble in the Jungle" locale
75 Trifling amount
76 Cowhand's seat
77 Media-regulating gp.
80 One-named supermodel
81 Most efficient
84 __ socket
85 Corn holder
86 Final request
88 Pet food brand
90 Allowing a draft
91 Jay-Z/Alicia Keys "remake" of Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York"?
97 Dicey
101 Connections
102 Paste-up pieces
103 Cola originally named Brad's Drink
104 Dips for Easter
107 Keeps adding to, as mashed potatoes
111 Ed Sheeran "remake" of the Rays' "Silhouettes"?
113 Lady Gaga "remake" of the J. Geils Band's "Love Stinks"?
115 Actor Stonestreet
116 Yankee manager before Girardi
117 Big name in footwear
118 Resolves a tense problem, say
119 Ahi, for one
120 Irritable
121 Knitter's ball
122 Station

Down

1 Hangs loosely
2 Snowbank creator
3 Banana Boat After Sun Gel ingredient
4 Using contemporary styles
5 Work in a park, perhaps
6 Snickered
7 Vein contents
8 "Anna Karenina" novelist
9 Scandinavian capital
10 Jewish campus group
11 AARP concern
12 Plunge
13 "Metamorphoses" poet
14 __ worth
15 Brightened
16 Like Oscar Wilde
17 With 45-Down, West Coast racing venue
18 Teen sensation, perhaps
24 Fries, e.g.
26 As a companion
29 Harebrained
32 Maroon
34 Affectedly dainty
35 Litter cries
36 Brief "Then again ... "
37 Wing support
38 Suffragist Elizabeth __ Stanton
39 Faucet problems
40 Cries of dismay
44 Wisconsin city between Milwaukee and Chicago
45 See 17-Down
46 Tolerated
47 Medicinal shrub
49 Flora partner
50 Had a bug
52 Gush forth
53 Place for a pawdicure
56 Word with mail or box
57 Iberian capital
59 No longer novel
60 Dry red wine
61 Actress Thompson
62 Motown Records founder Berry
63 Maître's milieu
64 Brownish green
65 First president with a Twitter account
66 Pares
68 Accurate
71 Tokyo-based brewery
73 "__ Fideles"
76 ESPN datum
77 Vanuatu neighbor
78 Family circle
79 Twine
81 Guacamole ingredient
82 Predict-ability?
83 Spacek of "Bloodline"
85 1941 Bogart role
87 Group pic
89 Italian dessert wine
92 Struggles
93 Provides (with)
94 "Julie & Julia" writer/director
95 Froyo topping
96 Made bubbles
97 In a huff
98 1960s jacket style
99 Nadal's birthplace
100 Pet adoption org.
104 __ effort
105 Sandwich with tzatziki sauce
106 Site for a bidding war
108 Salon sound
109 Bi- quadrupled
110 Place for a clutch
112 Non-Rx
114 Musical arcade game, for short

Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

GIYEHT
○☐○☐○☐

PSEORY
○☐☐☐○☐

YDIHRB
☐☐☐○○○

WORHNT
○☐☐☐○☐

APNSIR
☐○○☐☐○

CNLIHF
○☐☐☐○○

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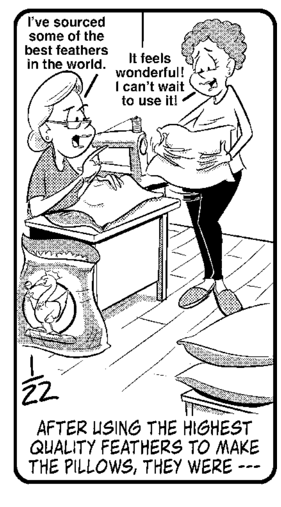
I've sourced some of the best feathers in the world.
It feels wonderful! I can't wait to use it!
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AFTER USING THE HIGHEST QUALITY FEATHERS TO MAKE THE PILLOWS, THEY WERE ---

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

○○○○○○○○○ ○○○○○○○

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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: 1 2 **3** 4

	1		7				2	
		8			3	7		
	4				9			
				3	8			5
8	2						7	1
5				7				
			9				3	
		3	6			1		
		9			4		6	

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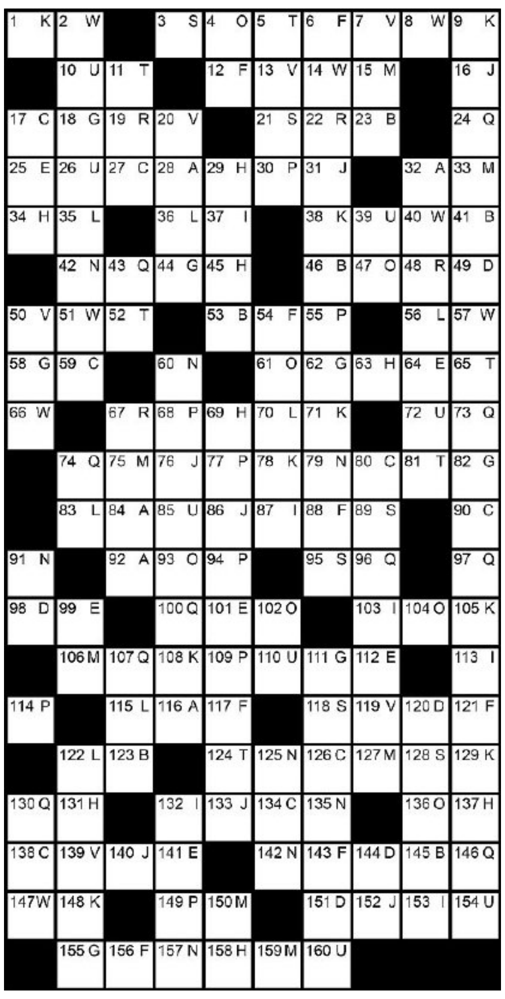
Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Strength	28 84 92 116 32
B. Anew	53 123 23 41 46 145
C. Legal code developer	59 134 90 27 126 80 138 17
D. Angler's take	151 120 144 49 98
E. Insensitive	101 112 64 25 141 99
F. Exposed: 2 wds.	88 156 6 12 143 121 117 54
G. Egyptian tomb findings	44 18 111 155 62 58 82
H. Succeed: 2 wds.	131 45 158 63 137 34 69 29
I. Present but invisible	87 103 113 37 153 132
J. Basically: 2 wds.	152 16 133 140 86 76 31
K. Unload	105 129 9 108 38 1 71 148 78
L. Exploded: 2 wds.	36 70 35 115 122 83 56
M. Express with fervor	150 127 15 33 75 106 159
N. Below: 2 wds.	79 91 157 42 135 125 60 142
O. Become more lenient: 3 wds.	61 93 136 47 102 4 104
P. Curtails: 2 wds.	109 68 94 77 55 114 149 30
Q. Disorganized: 3 wds.	96 107 97 74 73 24 43 146 130 100
R. Swear	48 22 67 19
S. Intricate	128 3 21 95 118 89
T. Gracefully slender	52 5 81 65 124 11
U. Inappropriate	110 85 154 72 10 39 160 26
V. Parsonage head	119 50 7 20 13 139
W. Uniformity	66 40 57 147 14 8 51 2



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French Imports

By Charles Preston

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1 Journalist Saint Johns
6 17th C. end
10 Western Athletic Conference footballers
14 Provincial
15 Plane starter
16 Center
17 Escoffier, *e.g.*
19 Moth specimen
20 Litigate
21 Ref
22 Egyptian solar deity
23 911 call
26 Gadgets
29 Mil. decoration
30 Overstuff
32 Two for tea
34 Parts of speech
37 Needle cases
38 La-di-da
39 Invalidates
42 Flat or curling followers
44 Position
45 You first
48 Greek portico
49 Brit. military branch
50 Kettledrums
53 Brief psychic propensities
54 Aloha relative
56 Kind of lace
57 Append
59 Saharan
60 In the English manner
65 Feckless fellow
66 Seville boy
67 Actor Flynn
68 Fruit drinks
69 Small amounts
70 Run-down

Down

1 Curved trajectory
2 Twosome
3 Stray
4 Youths
5 Orally
6 Fairy queen
7 Mislead
8 Reduce to ashes
9 Sudden political takeover
10 Bruins' home turf: abbr.
11 Chop-chop
12 Hemingway
13 Medium's session
18 Modernist
23 Some jazz singing
24 Catholic service manual
25 Know-how
27 Lt. makers
28 Hot spot
31 Liverpool measure
33 Hues
35 Perch
36 Connoisseur
40 *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* author
41 Pop's partner
43 African nation
44 Government agcy.
45 Mysteries
46 Mated
47 Elevated region
51 Epithet for Xanthippe
52 Runs in neutral
55 Chances
58 Evince courage
61 Dissenting words
62 Dander
63 Grass clump
64 Famed English cathedral

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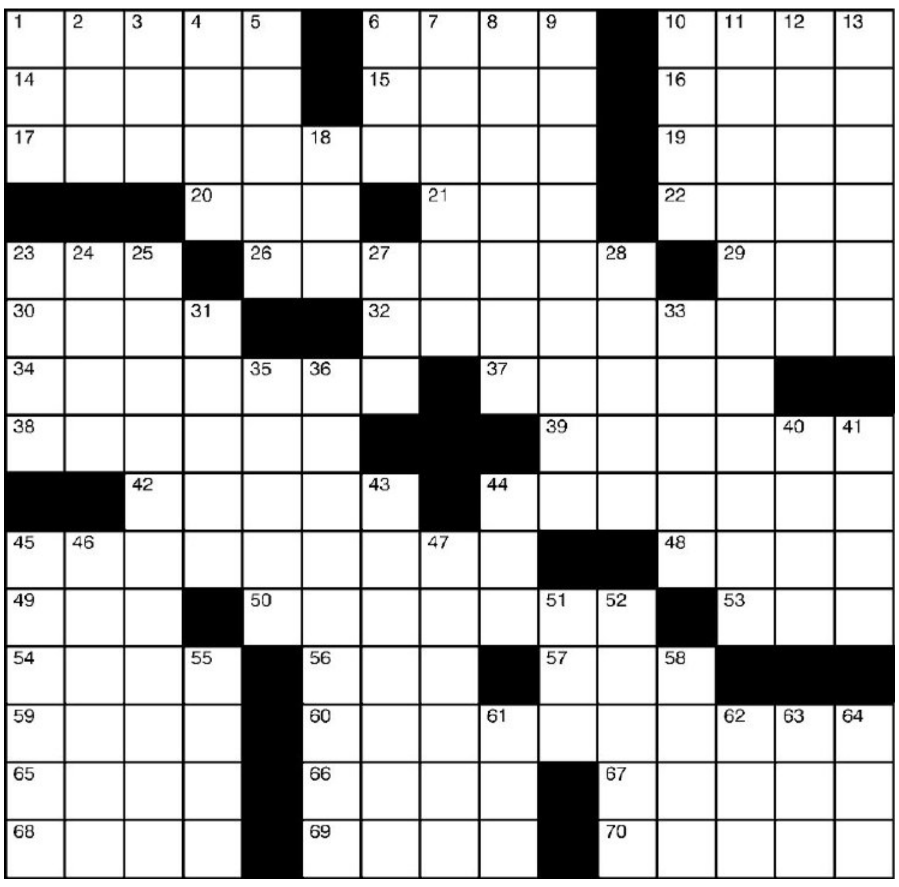

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K	Y	L	E	■	D	A	Y	S	■	V	I	N	E	■	P	H	O	T	O	N
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"We're Done Here"

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"Variations on a Pome"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Elizabeth) KOLBERT: THE TERRIBLE TEENS: But… the tangle of laws that apply to adolescents bespeaks a generalized confusion. Lawmakers just can't seem to decide whether they think teenagers are underinformed or overly impulsive or just klutzy.

Last week's Sudoku

5	3	4	8	7	1	2	9	6
6	7	2	4	9	5	3	8	1
9	8	1	3	2	6	5	7	4
7	2	9	6	4	8	1	3	5
3	6	8	5	1	9	4	2	7
1	4	5	2	3	7	9	6	8
2	5	3	7	8	4	6	1	9
8	1	6	9	5	3	7	4	2
4	9	7	1	6	2	8	5	3

This week's Jumble

EIGHTY HYBRID SPRAIN
OSPREY THROWN FLINCH

After using the highest quality feathers to make the pillows, they were —

DOWNRIGHT PERFECT

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Interactive puzzles and games

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Jan. 22): Creative expression flowers this year. Grow stronger with steady personal practices. Make domestic changes this winter, for energized springtime creative expression. One professional door closes this summer and another opens, inspiring studies, investigations and travel next autumn. Collaborate, communicate and connect to flourish.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Teamwork is lucrative. Discover unexpected bounty. Windfall apples drop at your feet, with Uranus direct. Discover new income. Cash flow surges. Maintain momentum.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Succeed through innovation, intellect and intuition. Barriers to personal advancement fade, with Uranus direct in your sign. Stand up and speak out for your cause.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Your intuition grows stronger, with Uranus direct. Dreams, intuition and spiritual rituals provide insight. Creative muses inspire. Listen and observe. You can sense the unspoken.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Team projects advance. Inspiring ideas abound. Creative collaborations flower, with Uranus direct. The social arena provides inspiration, motivation and solutions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Career opportunities clarify, with Uranus direct now. Your professional status and influence rise over the next seven months. Harness innovation, inspiration and intuition.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Educational journeys, explorations and studies flow with greater ease, now that Uranus is direct. Make philosophical insights and intellectual discoveries. Creativity abounds. Adventures entice.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Shared financial accounts grow, with Uranus direct. Your collaborations grow more lucrative. Motivate each other to take advantage of profitable opportunities. Connect the dots.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Creative collaboration comes easier, with Uranus direct now. A partnership that was stalled now advances. Discover fresh inspiration. Move for a shared vision.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. A physical barrier dissolves. Creative energy surges to feed the heart, mind and body, with Uranus direct. Practice routines to strengthen your work and health.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Tap into love, passion and creativity. Fun and romance arise intuitively, with Uranus direct for seven months. A new door opens. Connections spark.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Notice what's wanted and needed. It's easier to align on home projects, with Uranus direct. Unleash your domestic creativity. Apply your special touch.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Your communications go farther than imagined, with Uranus direct now. A blockage with transmissions dissolves. New creative opportunities develop. Insight and understanding flower.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K 10 ♥ J 8 6 5 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A 7 6
Right-hand opponent opens 1D. What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 10 9 4 ♥ A K Q 6 4 ♦ Void ♣ J 7 6 4

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
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***Game-forcing heart raise, at least four trumps**
What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K Q 10 7 5 ♥ K J 7 ♦ 3 ♣ A K Q 9

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
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What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q J 10 9 7 4 ♥ Void ♦ K J 7 6 5 ♣ K 7
As dealer, what call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones
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Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

CLARIFY (KLAR-ih-fye): To make understandable.

Can you find 20 or more words in CLARIFY?

Average mark: 16 words
Time limit: 30 minutes

Here are the rules:

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

calf; clay; lacy; laic; lair; liar; lyric; airy; racily; racy; rail; fail; fair; fairly; fairy; filar; flair; flay; frail; fray

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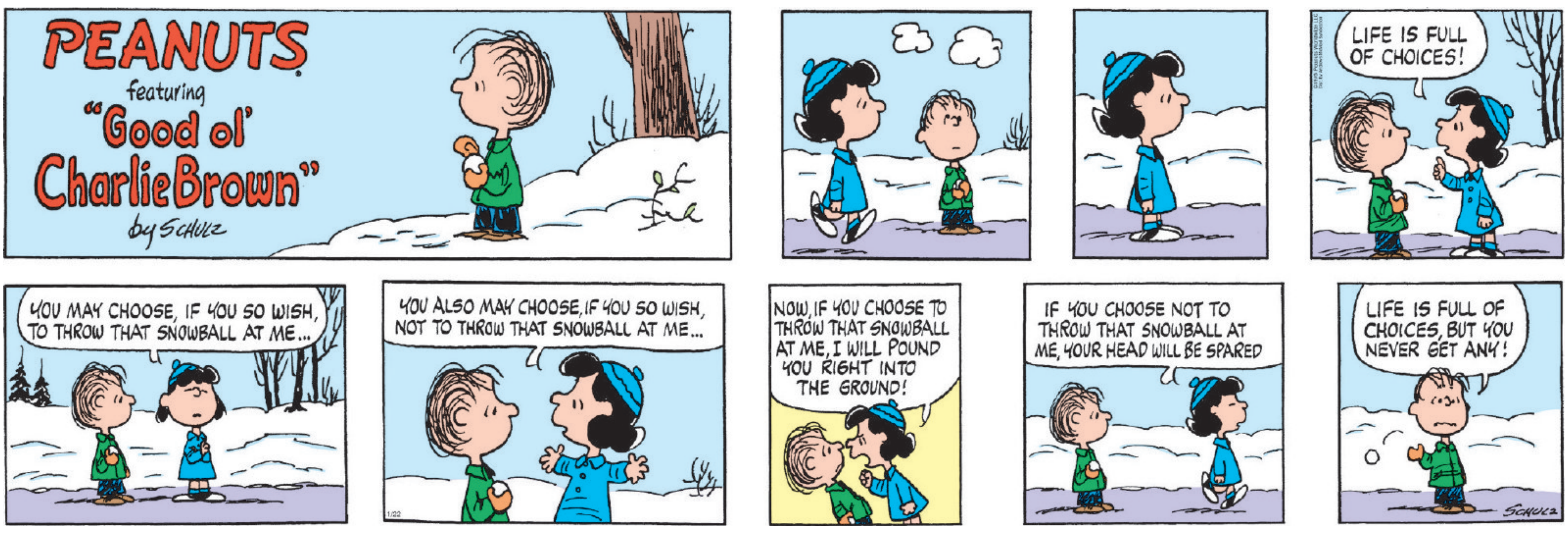
PEANUTS
featuring "Good ol' Charlie Brown" by Schulz
LIFE IS FULL OF CHOICES!
YOU MAY CHOOSE, IF YOU SO WISH, TO THROW THAT SNOWBALL AT ME...
YOU ALSO MAY CHOOSE, IF YOU SO WISH, NOT TO THROW THAT SNOWBALL AT ME...
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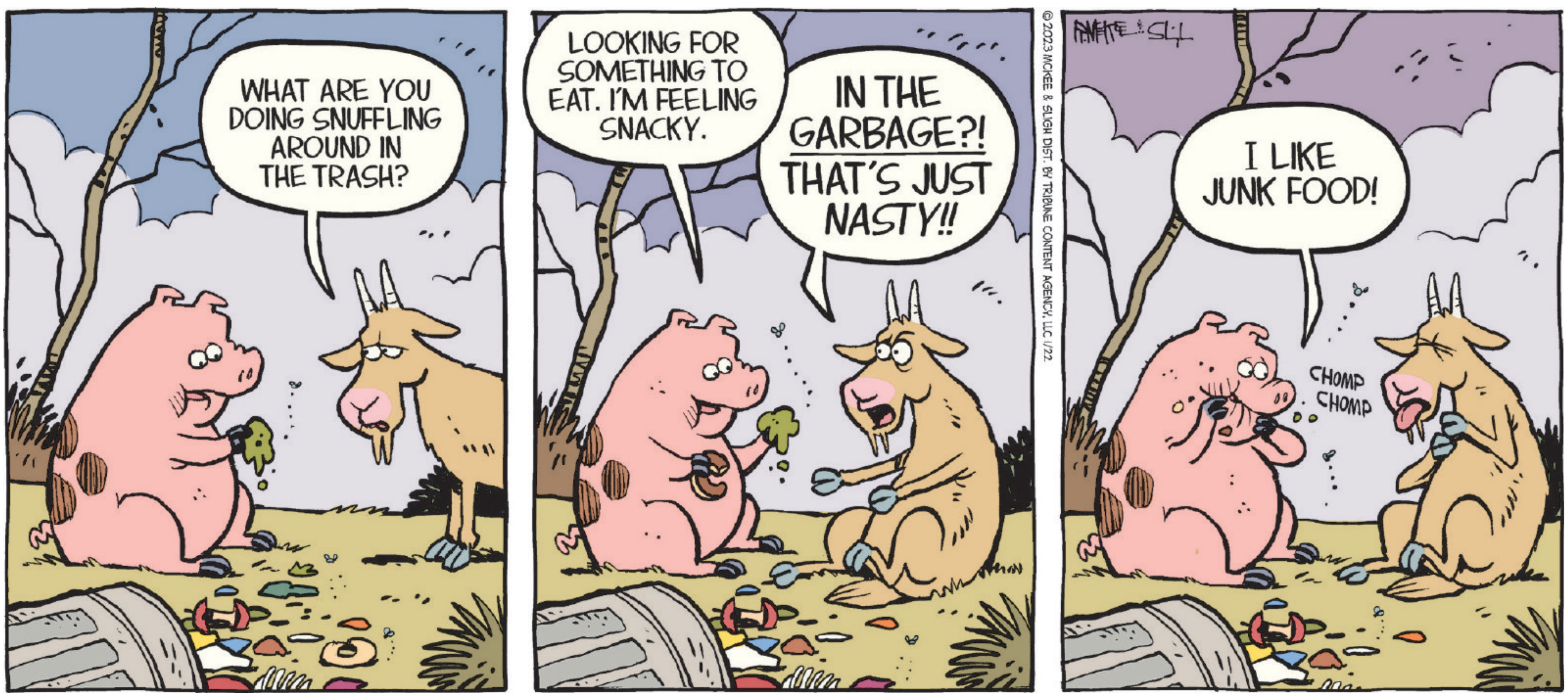
NOW, IF YOU CHOOSE TO THROW THAT SNOWBALL AT ME, I WILL POUND YOU RIGHT INTO THE GROUND!
IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO THROW THAT SNOWBALL AT ME, YOUR HEAD WILL BE SPARED
LIFE IS FULL OF CHOICES, BUT YOU NEVER GET ANY!
SCHULZ

Mt. Pleasant By Rick McKee and Kent Sligh


WHAT ARE YOU DOING SNUFFLING AROUND IN THE TRASH?
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO EAT. I'M FEELING SNACKY.
IN THE GARBAGE?! THAT'S JUST NASTY!!
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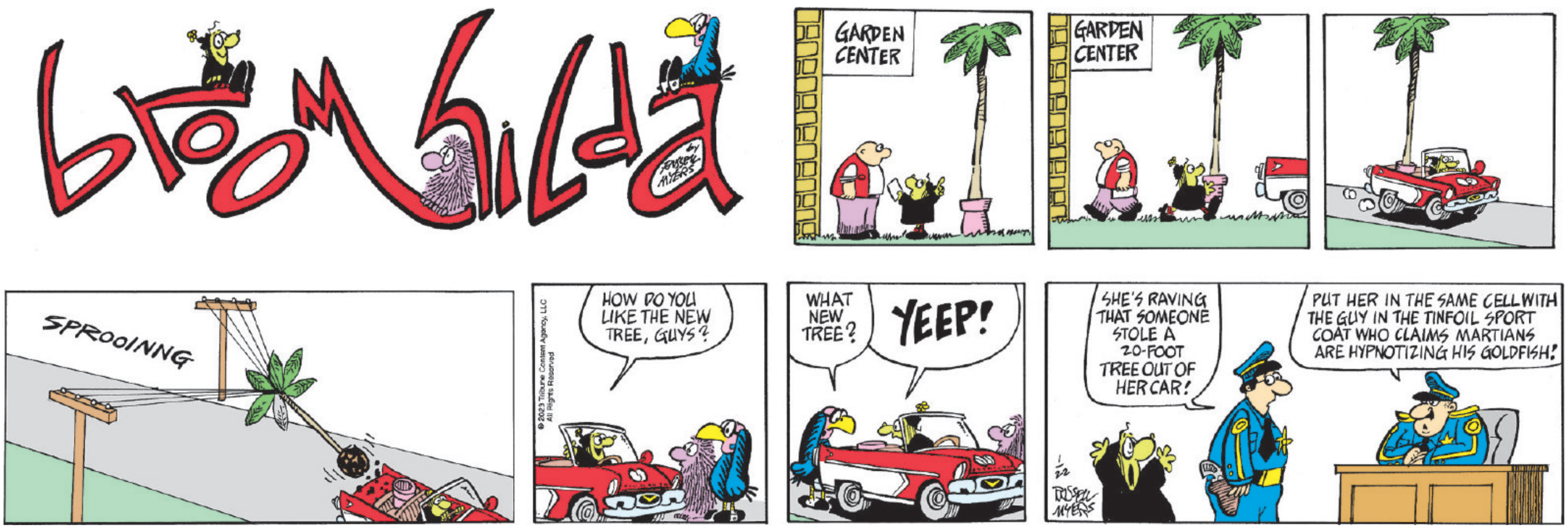
I LIKE JUNK FOOD!
CHOMP CHOMP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by RUSSELL MYERS
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SPROOINNG
HOW DO YOU LIKE THE NEW TREE, GUYS?
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WHAT NEW TREE?
YEEP!
SHE'S RAVING THAT SOMEONE STOLE A 20-FOOT TREE OUT OF HER CAR!
PUT HER IN THE SAME CELL WITH THE GUY IN THE TINFOIL SPORT COAT WHO CLAIMS MARTIANS ARE HYPNOTIZING HIS GOLDFISH!
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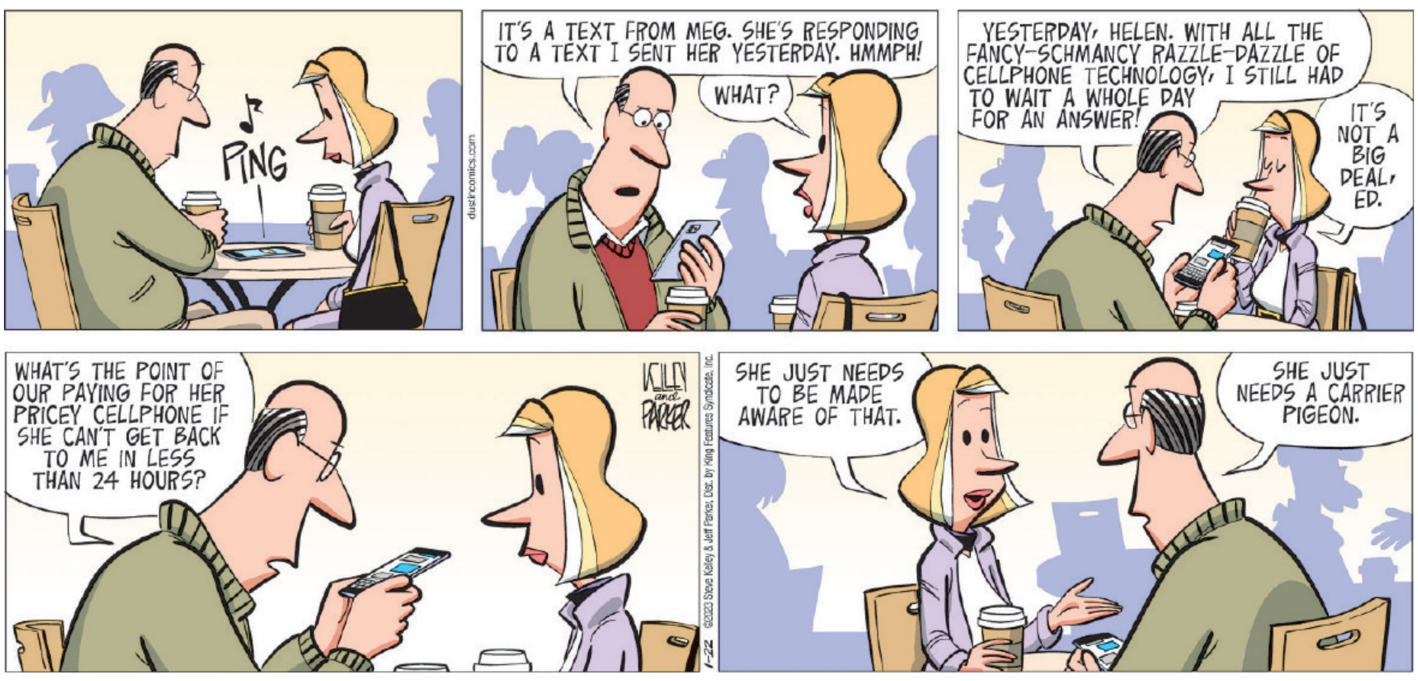
RUSSELL MYERS

Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker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IT'S A TEXT FROM MEG. SHE'S RESPONDING TO A TEXT I SENT HER YESTERDAY. HMMPH!
WHAT?
YESTERDAY, HELEN. WITH ALL THE FANCY-SCHMANCY RAZZLE-DAZZLE OF CELLPHONE TECHNOLOGY, I STILL HAD TO WAIT A WHOLE DAY FOR AN ANSWER!
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL, ED.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF OUR PAYING FOR HER PRICEY CELLPHONE IF SHE CAN'T GET BACK TO ME IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS?
KELLEY and PARKER
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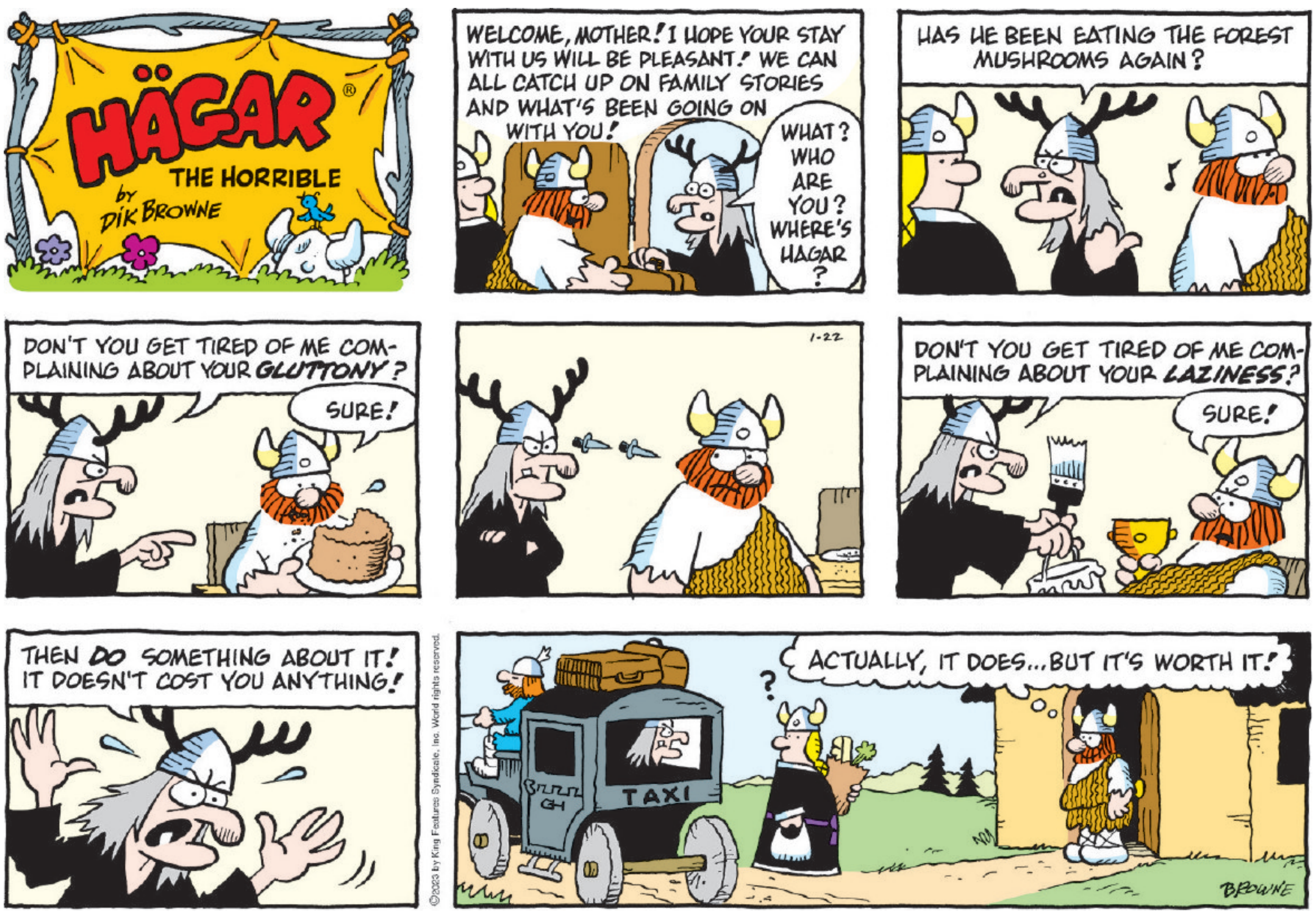
SHE JUST NEEDS TO BE MADE AWARE OF THAT.
SHE JUST NEEDS A CARRIER PIGEON.


HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE
by DIK BROWNE
WELCOME, MOTHER! I HOPE YOUR STAY WITH US WILL BE PLEASANT! WE CAN ALL CATCH UP ON FAMILY STORIES AND WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON WITH YOU!
WHAT? WHO ARE YOU? WHERE'S HAGAR?
HAS HE BEEN EATING THE FOREST MUSHROOMS AGAIN?
DON'T YOU GET TIRED OF ME COMPLAINING ABOUT YOUR GLUTTONY?
SURE!
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DON'T YOU GET TIRED OF ME COMPLAINING ABOUT YOUR LAZINESS?
SURE!
THEN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! IT DOESN'T COST YOU ANYTHING!
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ACTUALLY, IT DOES...BUT IT'S WORTH IT!
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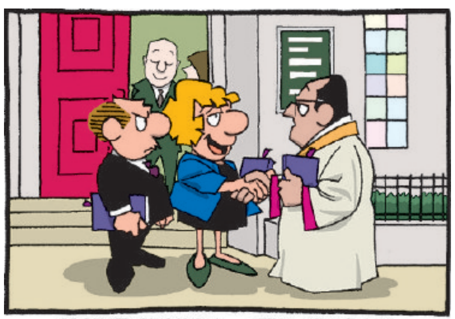
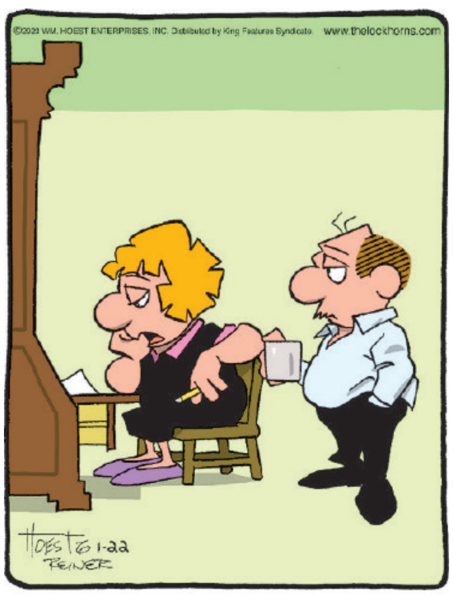
The Lockhorns
By Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"GREAT SERMON . . . IT'LL KEEP ME NAGGING ALL WEEK."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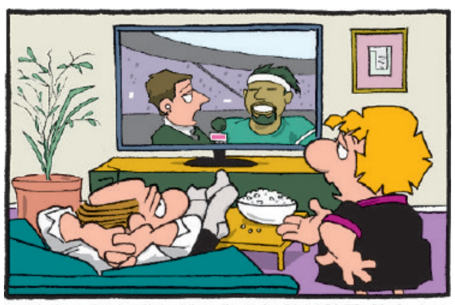
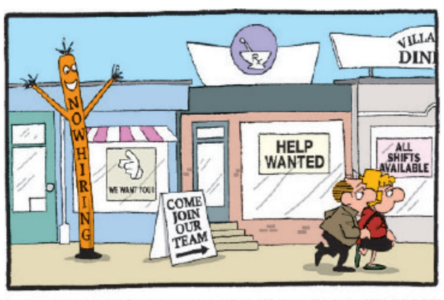
"APPARENTLY, MONEY HAS GHOSTED US."



"HOW CAN THEY HAVE A HIGHLIGHT SHOW WHEN THEY LOST 35 TO ZERO?"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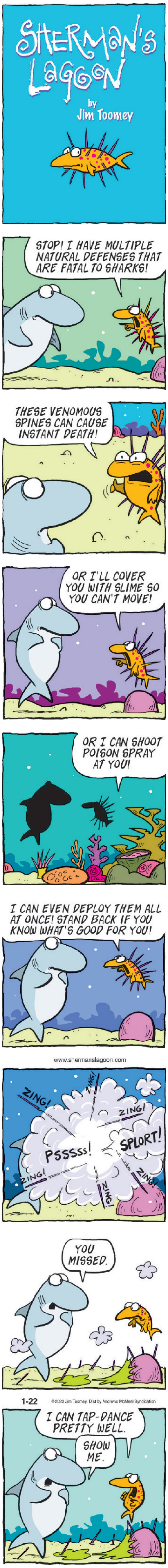
WE WANT YOU!
COME JOIN OUR TEAM
HELP WANTED
ALL SHIFTS AVAILABLE
VILLA DIN

"REMEMBER WHEN BUSINESSES ADVERTISED FOR CUSTOMERS?"


SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by Jim Toomey
STOP! I HAVE MULTIPLE NATURAL DEFENSES THAT ARE FATAL TO SHARKS!
THESE VENOMOUS SPINES CAN CAUSE INSTANT DEATH!
OR I'LL COVER YOU WITH SLIME SO YOU CAN'T MOVE!
OR I CAN SHOOT POISON SPRAY AT YOU!
I CAN EVEN DEPLOY THEM ALL AT ONCE! STAND BACK IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!
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ZING!
ZING!
ZING!
PSSSSS!
SPLORT!
ZING!
ZING!
ZING!
YOU MISSED.
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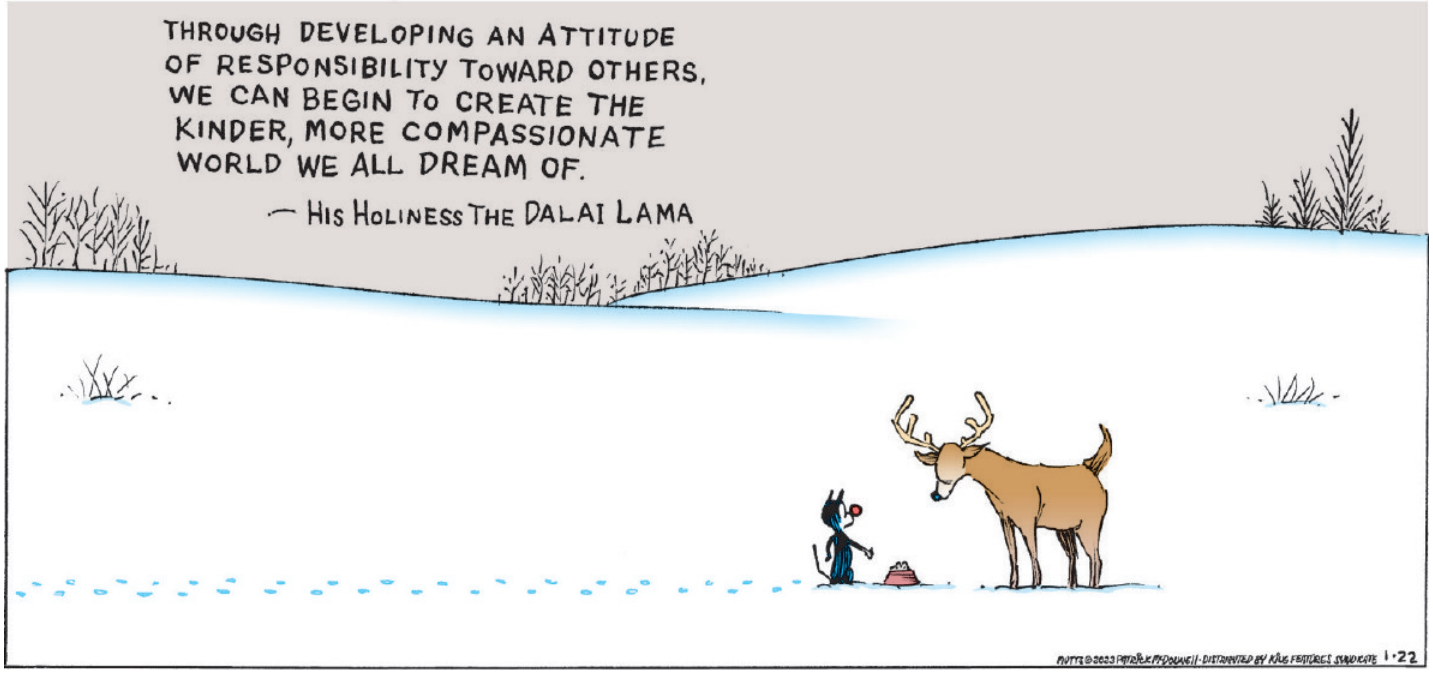
I CAN TAP-DANCE PRETTY WELL.
SHOW ME.

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell


THROUGH DEVELOPING AN ATTITUDE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD OTHERS, WE CAN BEGIN TO CREATE THE KINDER, MORE COMPASSIONATE WORLD WE ALL DREAM OF.
— HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA
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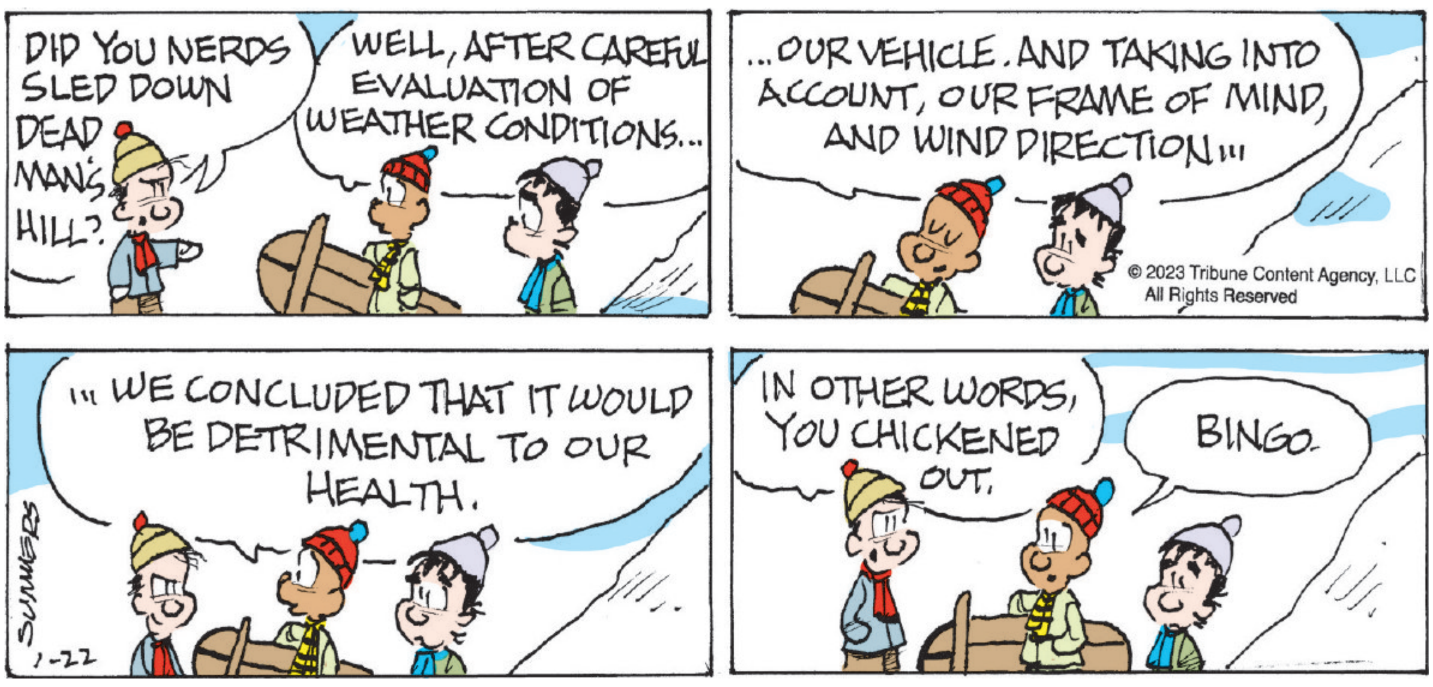
The Middletons By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers


DID YOU NERDS SLED DOWN DEAD MAN'S HILL?
WELL, AFTER CAREFUL EVALUATION OF WEATHER CONDITIONS...
...OUR VEHICLE. AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, OUR FRAME OF MIND, AND WIND DIRECTION...
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...WE CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR HEALTH.
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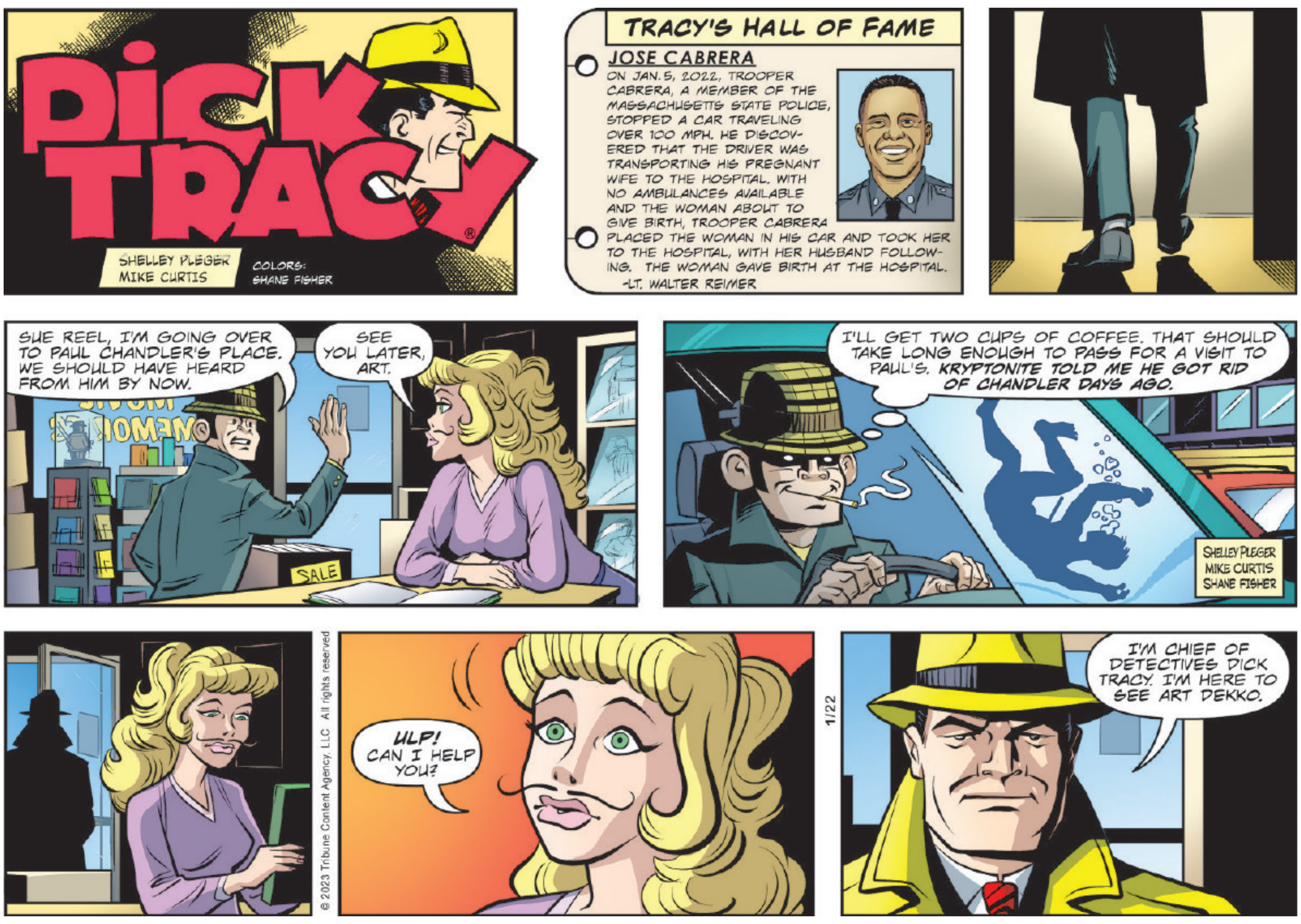
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CHICKENED OUT.
BINGO.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TRACY'S HALL OF FAME
JOSE CABRERA
ON JAN. 5, 2022, TROOPER CABRERA, A MEMBER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE, STOPPED A CAR TRAVELING OVER 100 MPH. HE DISCOVERED THAT THE DRIVER WAS TRANSPORTING HIS PREGNANT WIFE TO THE HOSPITAL. WITH NO AMBULANCES AVAILABLE AND THE WOMAN ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH, TROOPER CABRERA PLACED THE WOMAN IN HIS CAR AND TOOK HER TO THE HOSPITAL, WITH HER HUSBAND FOLLOWING. THE WOMAN GAVE BIRTH AT THE HOSPITAL.
-LT. WALTER REIMER
SUE REEL, I'M GOING OVER TO PAUL CHANDLER'S PLACE. WE SHOULD HAVE HEARD FROM HIM BY NOW.
SEE YOU LATER, ART.
SALE
I'LL GET TWO CUPS OF COFFEE. THAT SHOULD TAKE LONG ENOUGH TO PASS FOR A VISIT TO PAUL'S. KRYPTONITE TOLD ME HE GOT RID OF CHANDLER DAYS AGO.
SHELLEY PLEGER MIKE CURTIS SHANE FISHER
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ULP! CAN I HELP YOU?
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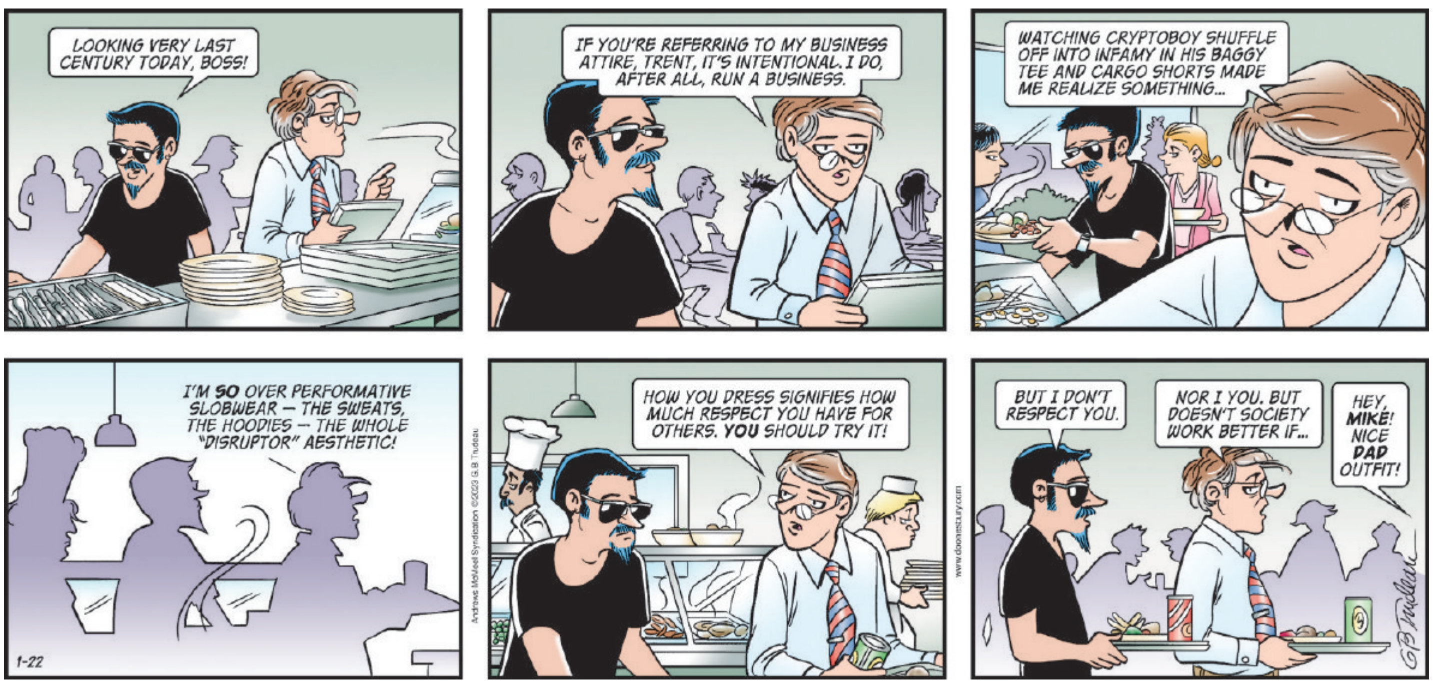
I'M CHIEF OF DETECTIVES DICK TRACY. I'M HERE TO SEE ART DEKKO.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau


LOOKING VERY LAST CENTURY TODAY, BOSS!
IF YOU'RE REFERRING TO MY BUSINESS ATTIRE, TRENT, IT'S INTENTIONAL. I DO, AFTER ALL, RUN A BUSINESS.
WATCHING CRYPTOBOY SHUFFLE OFF INTO INFAMY IN HIS BAGGY TEE AND CARGO SHORTS MADE ME REALIZE SOMETHING...
I'M SO OVER PERFORMATIVE SLOBWEAR — THE SWEATS, THE HOODIES — THE WHOLE "DISRUPTOR" AESTHETIC!
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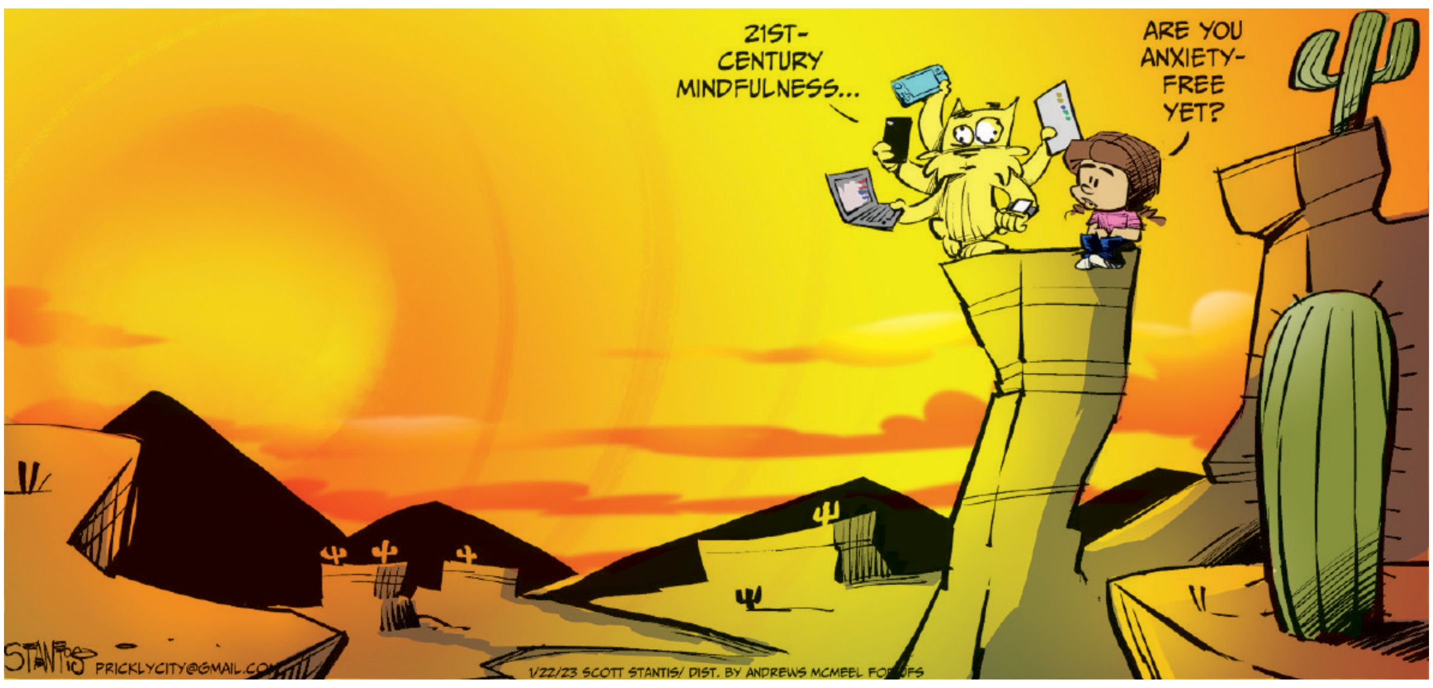
HOW YOU DRESS SIGNIFIES HOW MUCH RESPECT YOU HAVE FOR OTHERS. YOU SHOULD TRY IT!
www.doonesbury.com
BUT I DON'T RESPECT YOU.
NOR I YOU. BUT DOESN'T SOCIETY WORK BETTER IF...
HEY, MIKE! NICE DAD OUTFIT!
GB Trudeau

Prickly City By Scott Stantis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ARE YOU ANXIETY-FREE YET?
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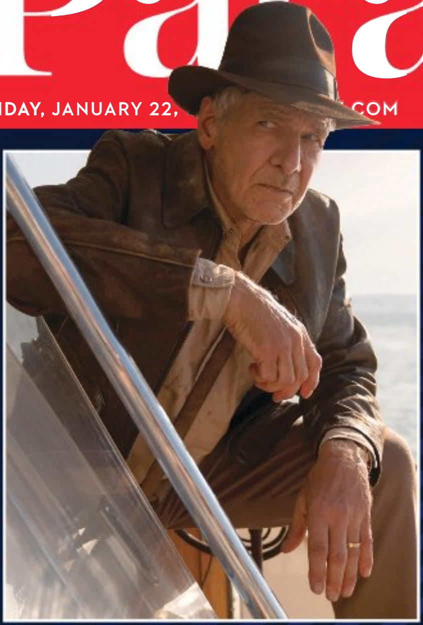

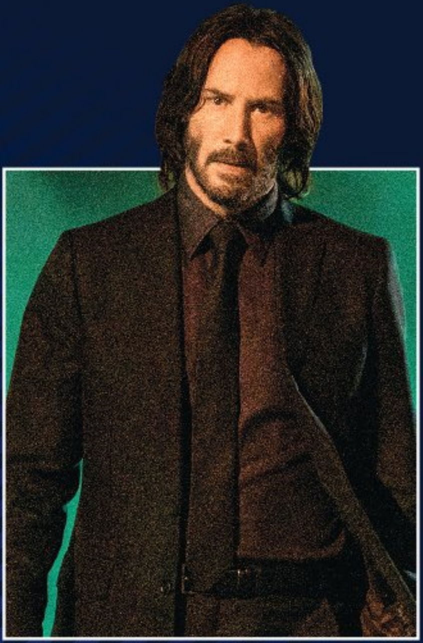

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Yada, yada, yada...Go to ***Parade.com/julia*** for more *Seinfeld* quotes.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF JULIA LOUIS-DREYFUS

Louis-Dreyfus, 62, joins Eddie Murphy, Nia Long and David Duchovny in *You People* (Jan. 27 on Netflix), as the parents of an interracial couple (Jonah Hill, Lauren London), who fall in love and confront societal expectations and clashing cultures. It's hard to believe that Louis-Dreyfus has been entertaining us for 40+ years, since she left Northwestern University in Chicago to join the *Saturday Night Live* cast at 21, becoming the youngest-ever female cast member. Here are some of the career highlights of the star who is a breast-cancer survivor and has two grown sons, Charlie and Henry, with husband Brad Hall.

Tina Fey has said that Louis-Dreyfus served as inspiration for her Liz Lemon role on *30 Rock*.

She was first female former ***SNL*** cast member to return as host (May 2006).

Seinfeld fans will be happy to know you can buy a **Seinfeld Elaine Figure. $12, funko.com**

Jerry Seinfeld on Louis-Dreyfus: He said her ability to eat a peanut M&M without breaking the peanut aptly describes the actress:

> "SHE CRACKS YOU UP WITHOUT BREAKING YOUR NUTS."

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That's how many **Lead-Actress Emmys** Louis-Dreyfus has earned, tying with Cloris Leachman for the female with the most wins. Louis-Dreyfus is the only actress to win Emmys for three separate comedy series (*Seinfeld*, *The New Adventures of Old Christine* and *Veep*).

She was awarded a Star on the **Hollywood Walk of Fame** on May 4, 2010.

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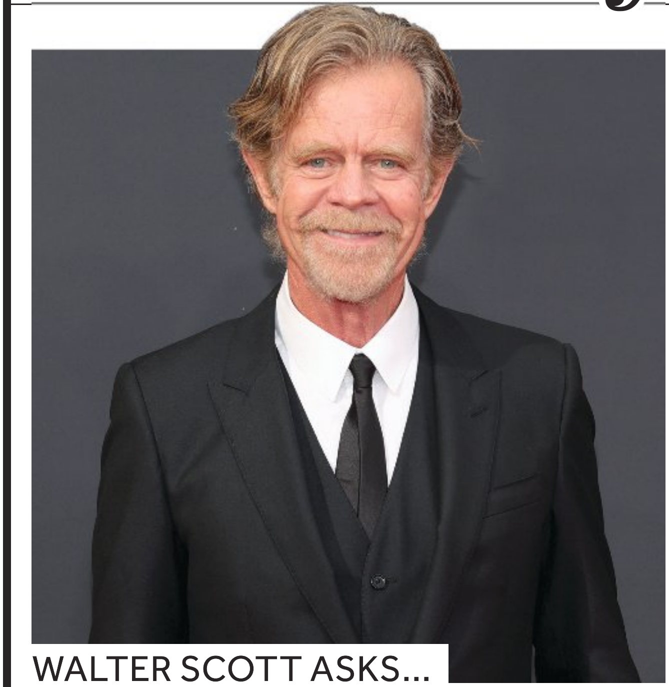
WALTER SCOTT'S

Personality Parade



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

WILLIAM H. MACY

The *Shameless* star, 72, heads to the big screen in the star-studded cast of *Maybe I Do* (in theaters Jan. 27), joining Diane Keaton, Richard Gere, and Susan Sarandon in a multi-generational comedy about love. Macy and Sarandon are parents to Allen (Luke Bracey) and Keaton and Gere are parents to Michelle (Emma Roberts). They all come together for a family dinner to discuss whether Michelle and Allen should take the next steps toward marriage. What happens next is a surprise to everyone.

Maybe I Do asks the question: Does love last forever? Do you think there is a simple answer to that? Not a simple answer, no. Can love last forever? Yes, it can. Can the same kind of love last as it is forever? No, I think it's got to evolve. My wife [Felicity Huffman] loves to make the joke you want to get through your first husband as fast as you can, so you can get to the good stuff. The assumption being we all blow it the first time out—and statistics would hold that true.

The film is about how tough it is to find a life partner. Back when the marriage contract was born, people lived to 50 or less. "Forever and ever, amen" meant a different thing. Now we live two complete lifetimes, or the equivalent of it. We've got to keep rolling with the punches and adapting. [Writer-director Michael Jacobs] cast us because we're all of a certain age and we know this story vividly.

My wife rather disarmingly said a couple of years ago, "Well, you're in your third act. What are your plans?" It caught me off guard because I didn't realize I was in my third act, and third acts are traditionally very, very short.

Your character Sam is so very lonely and unhappy in his marriage. And yet, he's the one encouraging Allen to marry Michelle. How is he still a believer in love? I think people are born that way. He believes in marriage, and he believes in love everlasting almost as a political belief. He believes it deeply in his soul, and God love him for that. I do too. I believe in love. The older I get, the more I believe in it.

Macy and wife Felicity Huffman

Do you believe that there's one person that's right for us? There can be several. And no harm, no foul, I say. But I also believe that you can meet someone when you're 20 or 25 years old and that person is a great partner for you for the rest of your life. I think it happens; love evolves, and both people have to evolve with it. But it's possible. And it sure is a romantic ideal, isn't it?

When Sam takes off his jacket in the motel room and he's wearing suspenders rather than a belt, I thought, _Is that something you did to help us know who he is?_ What a great question. There isn't a lot of backstory. I decided, with [the director's] blessing, that Sam retired, sold his company very, very well, so money is not a problem. And he's still vaguely involved with it in some sort of a capacity. And, in fact, when I go to the movie theater [where I accidentally meet Diane's character], I'm coming from a business meeting that I have to do once a month, meet with the board or something, so I wanted a nice suit. Braces are making their way back in the world and I love them, so I thought if I love them, he loves them.

The best line in the movie—and it's yours—is, "By not touching each other [physically], we touched each other." Did that speak to you, as well? Oh, yes. It's a beautiful, beautiful script. I hope it translates to the screen. I've only seen it

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once and it's hard for an actor to watch his own work the first time. But, yes, I love that line. I love his romance. There are some fabulous phrases in there. Also, in Sam's rage against his wife and her rage against him, oh, my God, some of the insults are just delicious.

It's a great cast—Richard Gere, Diane Keaton, Susan Sarandon and you—Oscar winners and nominees. With such funny stuff in this film, which of the four of you broke the most often? Good question. It might have been me. And if it wasn't me, it would be Susan. She's got such a delicious sense of humor and, God, she's so wicked smart. She sees the humor in everything.

I was gobsmacked to join this cast, and so pleased. I love these actors. I've revered them my whole life. I couldn't help myself, the first day of shooting I brought up that moment in *Reds* where Diane's waiting for Warren to get off the train and it appears that he's not getting off the train and she's thinking he's dead, and then when he does step off that look on her face. Oh, my God, I will take that to my grave.

The parental units in *Maybe I Do*: Richard Gere and Diane Keaton and William H. Macy and Susan Sarandon.

And Susan. The more I spend time with her, I remember she did *Thelma and Louise*, *Bull Durham*, and *Atlantic City*—good God what a sexy movie. And Susan and Tim Robbins had this company in L.A. called The Actors' Gang and Felicity and I did one of their plays with them, one of their stage screenings that they do. Susan's done it all.

You have two daughters, Sophia, 22, and Georgia, 20. When you were doing this movie, did you consider whether there was a message in it for young women? Sure. Maybe young men more than young women. I think the message is there are no easy answers and marriage is very difficult, but we have to keep putting one foot in front of the other. It's better to keep trying and fail than to give up. I think Luke's character says it, "If I love her so much, why would I do that to her, marry her? Because marriages so often don't work. Why would I do that?" It speaks to me. Why would you do that? Because that's what life is. Take a chance. If you fail, get up, figure out what you did wrong. But you've got to keep moving forward and you've got to have faith in the future.

***Shameless* isn't that far in your rearview mirror. Is there a part of Frank Gallagher that you will carry with you always?** Absolutely. Professionally it was the most profound thing I've ever done because it ran for a decade. I really got my 10,000 hours on *Shameless*. I wish I could have done it earlier in my career. I love Frank, I love his willingness, his boldness to speak the unspeakable. I love his soullessness. And at the same time there was genuine affection. We do become the characters after that long. I loved the cast and crew, and I can see that in Frank, a little bit, he loved them too.

Other than acting is there something you're passionate about? Well, I married an actor and one of my daughters is an actor, so it's pretty much what we talk about all the time. My youngest daughter, who's not an actor, is ready to kill us all. Other than acting, I'm semi-retired, or at least I've gotten a lot pickier about what I'm going to do.

We moved to Colorado, we're residents now. We bought Felicity's childhood home, which was an excellent husband move on my part. I've carved out part of the barn and I built a wood shop. I like to do woodworking. I turn bowls on a lathe. I've built some heirloom-quality furniture. I like to work with carpenters who are better than me. We changed all the fencing on the corral. This fencing was 2 x 6 fir and it's weathered deliciously. I've figured out a way to make benches out of it. They're called three-board benches. People just fell [in love] over these benches.

I love playing ukulele. I've been playing music my whole life. So, I've been writing songs. I started out writing birthday songs for my wife and daughters. I'm the spokesperson for Woody Creek Distillers and I just finished a song for them.

It sounds like you're having the best time of your life right now. It's pretty swell. I'm still healthy, knock on wood. I still like what I do. I love the fact that I've gained wisdom, if I can use that word. Pretty much every time I do a play, I'm the oldest guy. I love this business because they don't cast you aside when you become one of the elder statesmen. So, I've been doing a little bit of teaching, and some philanthropy. Felicity and I started a donor-advised fund and with what resources we have, we've been giving away money to great causes. Also, it turns out I'm really good at doing nothing at all.

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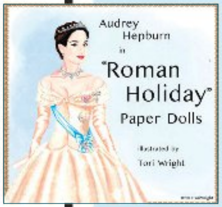
The Parade Don't Miss List

Here's what's on our radar for the week ahead. Go to ***Parade.com/entertainment*** for more.

BE LIKE AUDREY

Outfits of Audrey Hepburn Fashion Tote Bag ***redbubble.com, $25***

Roman Holiday socks ***redbubble.com, $18***


Audrey Hepburn in "Roman Holiday" Paper Dolls
Illustrated by Tori Wright

Audrey Hepburn in *Roman Holiday* Paper Dolls by ThePaperCostumier ***etsy.com, $4***

Princess Ann Scarf Inspired by *Roman Holiday* ***utopiat.com,$10***

Roman Holiday Ceramic Coffee Mug ***nyvane.com, $14***

Roman Holiday

Roman Holiday Retro Movie Poster from Plan9Studio, ***etsy.com, $24***

Audrey Hepburn Hightops ***customkiks.com, $70***

ROMAN HOLIDAY

(JANUARY 22 AND 25 IN THEATERS; STREAMING ON PRIME VIDEO)

Happy 70th birthday to *Roman Holiday*, the wonderful William Wyler-directed movie with **Audrey Hepburn** (in her debut starring role) and **Gregory Peck**. The 1953 romantic comedy about a princess (Ann) who rebels against royal restraints—and falls in love with an American journalist (Joe, played by Peck, 37)—made a star of the 24-year-old Hepburn and was a travel agent's dream as it showcased delightful Roman locations, including the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and the Mouth of Truth (where visitors still nervously insert their hands to prove they're not lying). Here we celebrate the classic movie and its stars with a peek into the *Parade* archives and a nod to Audrey Hepburn style. Go to ***fathomevents.com*** to find a theater near you that's showing *Roman Holiday*.

100,000

An estimate of the number of Vespas sold, thanks to the Italian scooter's starring role in *Roman Holiday* and its appearance on the movie poster. The movie scooter, a rare 2-stroke model, sold to a collector for more than $250,000 in 2017.

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Number of Oscar nominations for *Roman Holiday*. Hepburn won for Best Actress and **Edith Head** for the costumes.

Love Oscar Fashions? Go to ***Parade.com/costumes*** for highlights from 70 years of Academy Awards.

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CHICAGO SUNDAY SUN-TIMES
How Jet Attacks Pay Off
GIGI . . . GEE!

GIGI-GEE!

March 9, 1952

A year before she starred in her screen debut in *Roman Holiday*, Hepburn, 22, was on *Parade*'s cover talking about her role as Gigi on Broadway, and about her childhood in Holland during World War II, where as a teen she danced in private homes to raise money for the Dutch underground. "I'm halfway between a dancer and an actress," Hepburn confided to *Parade*. "I've got a lot to learn." Go to ***Parade.com/classic*** for the full story.

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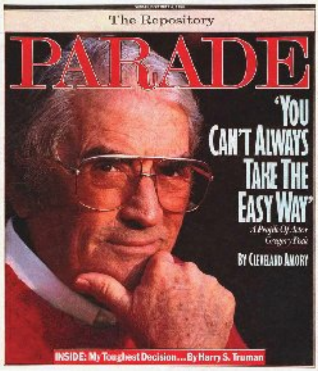
BRIDGEPORT SUNDAY POST
NEW TRIO
A worse killer of children than polio

NEW "TRIO"

February 17, 1957

Hepburn, 27, played Maurice Chevalier's cello-playing daughter in *Love in the Afternoon*, a romantic comedy that paired her with Gary Cooper, who was twice her age.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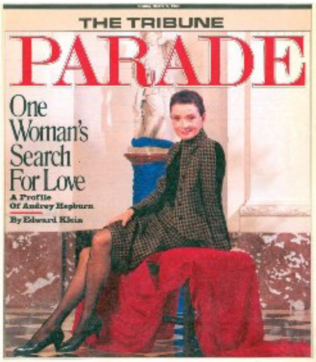
'YOU CAN'T ALWAYS TAKE THE EASY WAY'
A Profile Of Actor Gregory Peck
BY CLEVELAND AMORY
INSIDE: My Toughest Decision...By Harry S. Truman

FINDING JOY

December 4, 1988

Peck spoke about meeting his second wife, Veronique, on the set of *Roman Holiday*. "It was the best thing that ever happened to me," Peck, 72, said, "I learned from her how it is possible to be happy." He and Veronique were married 47 years, until his death in 2003.


THE TRIBUNE
PARADE
One Woman's Search For Love
A Profile Of Audrey Hepburn
By Edward Klein

LOOKING FOR LOVE

March 5, 1989

"My mother [once] said, 'Considering that you have no talent, it's really extraordinary where you've got.' And that's what I really believe to this day. My success—it still bewilders me," Hepburn, 59, told *Parade*. She was a Special Advisor for UNICEF, living in Switzerland with her partner, Robert Wolders. "I'm a long way from the human being I'd like to be. But I've decided I'm not so bad after all."

SHRINKING

(Jan. 27 on Apple TV)

The death of his wife sends grieving psychiatrist Jimmy Laird (**Jason Segel**) on a journey of change. Segal was attracted to the role of the psychiatrist (**Harrison Ford** plays his mentor) who throws his training out the window because it resonated with his own past experiences. "I think that someone going through some intense stuff can—and should—be presented with a lot of humor because that's what life is like," Segel said. "My experience with really intense moments is that they're often hilarious and sometimes our most joyful moments are really emotional."

WOLF PACK

(Jan. 26 on Paramount+)

Buffy star Sarah **Michelle Gellar** will return to supernatural TV this January in the horror drama *Wolf Pack*, based on the books by Edo Van Belkom. It's the story of teenagers Everett (Armani Jackson) and Blake (Bella Shepard), whose lives are changed forever when a California wildfire awakens a terrifying supernatural creature—a werewolf.

"It's really scary," says Gellar, 45, who plays arson investigator Kristin Ramsey. "*Wolf Pack* uses monsters to [illustrate] anxiety, depression and isolation, all those emotions that young kids and adults are already feeling. And to me, that's when scary stories work the best, when they're telling a secondary story. What it's like to be so isolated these days, and what does someone's 'pack' look like?"

POKER FACE

(Jan. 26, Peacock)

If you loved *Columbo,* the *Knives Out* movies or **Natasha Lyonne** in *Russian Doll*, don't miss this case-of-the-week series about Charlie Cale, an "accidental" detective who can tell when someone is lying. Lyonne, 43, directs one episode of the show, which is the brainchild of *Knives Out*'s Rian Johnson.

Can you tell when someone is fibbing?
Go to ***Parade.com/lying*** for tips from
former members of the CIA.

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2023's HOTTEST MOVIES

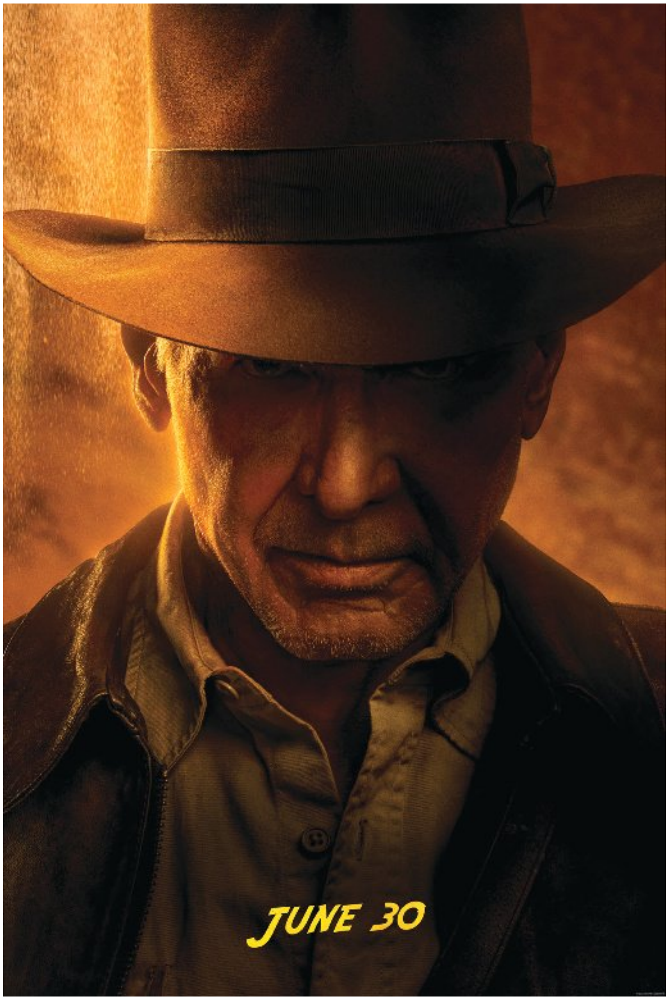
CHECK OUT *PARADE*'S MUST-WATCH LIST FOR THE NEW YEAR.

BY MARA REINSTEIN

Thanks for all the high-flying memories, Maverick. We still can't help falling in love with you, Elvis. But the turn of the calendar means that it's officially time to have a tizzy over a fresh slate of movies. And after three years of pandemic-induced stop-and-start productions and delayed releases, Hollywood is finally storming the gates with a slew of would-be blockbusters. "If 2022 was a transitional year for movies, then I think 2023 is going to mark a really strong recovery," says Paul Dergarabedian, a senior media analyst for Comscore, a company that measures and analyzes box-office and small-screen numbers. "There are so many recognizable and interesting titles coming out at a steadier pace. You won't see a drought or just one film dominating." Indeed, say hello again in a hurry to the likes of Indiana Jones, John Wick, the Ant-Man and the Wasp, Ethan Hunt and (fingers crossed) Elle Woods—plus Willy Wonka and Barbie in a whole new hue. Here are 10 enticing and exciting offerings primed to light up the dark.

INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY

IN THEATERS, JUNE 30



THE STORY

Story, shmory. All that really matters is our favorite fedora-wearing daredevil archaeologist—played by **Harrison Ford**, of course—returns to action. The same goes for John Rhys-Davies as Sallah (aka "the best digger in Egypt"), as well as composer John Williams and executive producers George Lucas and Steven Spielberg. *Ford v Ferrari*'s James Mangold directs, and **Phoebe Waller-Bridges** also costars.

THE SCOOP

The fifth and final installment of the saga spans several decades but opens in 1944, which is only eight years after the events in 1981's *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. The result? The 80-year-old Ford will look decades younger onscreen, courtesy of visual effects and Industrial Light & Magic software. "I don't want to know how it works," the star has said. "It doesn't make me want to be young, though." Ford also recently quipped at a fan convention that he's explored his last underground cave: "This is it . . . I will not fall down for you again."

THE OUTLOOK

Though *Raiders* will always reign supreme, the mere mention of the wry hero in the title makes this adventure pic a summer must-see. Let's go along for the ride.

FROM LEFT: LUCASFILM LTD.; JONATHAN OLLEY/LUCASFILM; COVER CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: JONATHAN OLLEY/LUCASFILM; ANA CARBALLOSA/LIONSGATE; MURRAY CLOSE/LIONSGATE; JAAP BUITENDIJK/WARNER BROTHERS

SHOTGUN WEDDING

AMAZON PRIME, JAN. 27

THE STORY

Till death do us part. Darcy (**Jennifer Lopez**) and Tom (**Josh Duhamel**) are about to get married on an exotic island when pirates crash the party, hijack the wedding procession and cause stage-five chaos. Now the couple must save their loved ones with some outlandish antics. (It's normal to carry a live grenade in the jungle, right?)

THE SCOOP

Shortly after Armie Hammer had to exit the groom role, Jennifer Coolidge, Sonia Braga, Cheech Marin, Callie Hernandez and Lenny Kravitz all joined the cast and decamped to the Dominican Republic for filming. Real-life newlywed Lopez, meanwhile, is going bridal for the second time in a year after *Marry Me* (and her ninth time overall!). Bridal designer Galia Lahav crafted 28 versions of JLo's off-the-shoulder white gown so it could be "modified, ripped and transformed into a uniform suitable for a glam action hero," per a press release.

THE OUTLOOK

Think 100 action-packed minutes of comedy, romance and thrills with a flash of serious star power. Last year, that potent combination proved to be a winner for *Ticket to Paradise* and *The Lost City*.

ANA CARBALLOSA/LIONSGATE

OPPENHEIMER

IN THEATERS, JULY 21

THE STORY

The epic thriller chronicles the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the enigmatic American scientist who ran the Manhattan Project — which led to the creation of the atomic bomb during World War II. Irish actor **Cillian Murphy** (*Dunkirk*) takes the titular role.

THE SCOOP

With Christopher Nolan (The *Dark Knight* trilogy, *Tenet*) writing and directing, surely this is no ordinary biopic. And as per his usual MO, plot details are being treated like government secrets. But we do know that the predominantly black-and-white film, shot in New Mexico, will take place over 45 years. Plus, the cast includes Robert Downey Jr., Matt Damon, Emily Blunt and Nolan regulars Gary Oldman and Kenneth Branagh.

THE OUTLOOK

This one may not go down easily with rom-com fans or folks who aren't up for out-of-the-box storytelling; Nolan's intricate films never do. But it's a must-watch for history and science buffs, and Nolan fans will eagerly rush to see this latest project.

Can't get enough movies? Go to
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ANT-MAN AND THE WASP: QUANTUMANIA

IN THEATERS, FEB. 17

THE STORY

All is extra-well for **Paul Rudd**'s Scott Lang (i.e., Ant-Man) and **Evangeline Lilly**'s Hope van Dyne (i.e., The Wasp) after the events of *Avengers: Endgame*. That is, until the pair start experimenting with a device that can send a signal to the Quantum Realm. Hope's concerned mom (Michelle Pfeiffer) asks for it to be turned off, only for the contraption to open and suck them all into the hidden universe, where they must work together to find a way home.

THE SCOOP

The third installment of the Ant-Man saga marks the new "Phase Five" of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. It also introduces new characters and creatures—one of which, Krylar, is played by Bill Murray in his comic book flick debut. In the trailer, Murray's character pops up with a surprised expression on his face; the actor has only hinted about the role: "My power is, he's a bad guy." Michael Douglas, as Hope's dad, returns as well.

THE OUTLOOK

Amid the extravaganza, never underestimate a fun and relatable superhero who's "small in stature but big in personality," says Comscore's Dergarabedian. That amazing ensemble doesn't hurt, either.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE — DEAD RECKONING — PART ONE

IN THEATERS, JULY 14

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THE STORY

Light the fuse and cue up the classic theme song: **Tom Cruise** is back as secret agent Ethan Hunt in the first of consecutive installments. (Part Two is due in 2024.) Writer-director Christopher McQuarrie has explained that the cryptic subtitle is a metaphorical "navigational term" in that Hunt is picking a course based solely on his last known position. (Whatever that means!)

THE SCOOP

Don't look now but Cruise's Hunt has been running from the bad guys since 1996. Cut to McQuarrie sharing that Part Seven is "meant to serve as a send-off" for the character. (However, he didn't rule out a spin-off featuring some of the Impossible Mission Force team, played by Ving Rhames, Rebecca Ferguson and Simon Pegg.) Not that Hunt will slow down here: The locales range from Rome to Abu Dhabi.

THE OUTLOOK

Dergarabedian expects this baby to be the biggest and most explosive hit of the year. "Tom Cruise still has a halo effect from *Top Gun: Maverick*," he says, "And this movie is really its spiritual successor."

ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET

IN THEATERS, APRIL 28

THE STORY

This bittersweet coming-of-age tale should ring a bell for all former 12-year-old girls. Based on Judy Blume's award-winning 1970 novel, it focuses on a recently uprooted sixth-grader (**Abby Ryder Fortson**) battling the challenges of adolescence in the New Jersey suburbs as she tries to find her place in the world. Think boys, spin the bottle and tampon shopping, oh my.

THE SCOOP

Blume reportedly rejected many book-to-movie adaptation offers over the years before finally selling the rights to screenwriter and director Kelly Fremon Craig (*The Edge of Seventeen*) and veteran producer James L. Brooks (*Terms of Endearment*, *As Good as It Gets*). Note that the narrative is still set in 1970 with Rachel McAdams, Benny Safdie and **Kathy Bates** portraying Margaret's relatives. "It's a real cacophony of honest, truthful things women and mothers experience on a whole," McAdams has said.

THE OUTLOOK

To paraphrase our adolescent heroine, you must, you must, you must seek this one out! "All the elements are here to make this a thoughtful, funny and moving film," Dergarabedian says.

WONKA

IN THEATERS, DEC. 15

THE STORY

You've already been in Willy Wonka's world of pure imagination. This musical prequel centers on the enigmatic chocolatier before he grew into the legend as depicted in Roald Dahl's 1964 children's novel, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (and subsequent 1971 big-screen adaptation starring Gene Wilder). **Timothée Chalamet** (*Dune*) may not physically resemble a young Wilder, but he does boast Wonka's signature brown top hat, purple coat and walking cane (as opposed to a candy one).

THE SCOOP

The Oscar nominee has revealed that he performs seven song-and-dance numbers in the years-in-the-making film—and added that despite Wonka's mischievous and slightly sinister adult disposition, "This movie is so sincere, it's so joyous," he says. Chalamet is joined by big names like Keegan-Michael Key, Rowan Atkinson and Olivia Colman. Sally Hawkins (*The Shape of Water*) is his mother.

THE OUTLOOK

In an early clip from the film shown to VIP audiences, Chalamet reportedly reads from a candy wrapper, "It's not the chocolate that matters; it's the people you share it with." Now that the talented actor is sharing his interpretation of the beloved character, this one has the makings of a delicious confection.

FROM TOP: DANA HAWLEY/LIONSGATE; TKTK/WARNER BROS

JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4

IN THEATERS, MARCH 24

THE STORY

Our titular hero (**Keanu Reeves**) was last seen separating from the assassin organization known as The High Table and presumed dead. (Ian McShane's Winston shot him off the roof of a skyscraper, after all.) It turns out he's merely injured and in the care of the Bowery King (Laurence Fishburne), known as the head of the underground intelligence network.

THE SCOOP

A decade ago, few would have predicted that a low-budget action flick in which a heartbroken loner seeks revenge for his dog's murder would spur a smash franchise. "It's really special the way the films have been embraced," Reeves said in 2019 upon the release of Chapter 3. "It's something you hope for, but it's still pretty extraordinary." For this installment, the star recently teased "amazing action and characters, and more world-building."

THE OUTLOOK

Given that each Wick film has out-grossed its predecessor, there's no reason to think this one won't follow suit. Says Dergarabedian, "Anyone that drives cool cars, can scrap like a video game hero and loves dogs as much as John Wick is more than all right."

MURRAY CLOSE/LIONSGATE (2)

BARBIE

IN THEATERS, JULY 21

THE STORY

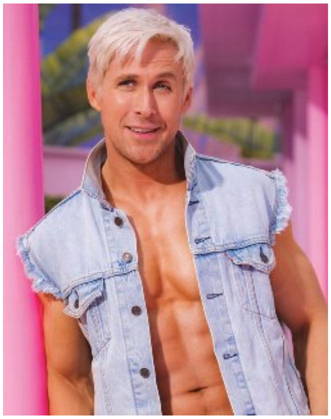
There's mystery galore surrounding this candy-coated entry. But the studio has released photos of **Margot Robbie**'s Barbie giggling in her pink convertible, and **Ryan Gosling**'s Ken looking buff and blonde in a denim vest and jeans. ("I have that Ken-ergy you can feel," he's joked.) Plus, Will Ferrell has revealed that he plays the insensitive CEO of Mattel, Inc.

THE SCOOP

Don't expect a straightforward goofy comedy chock-full of zany adventures of Barbie in her Dreamhouse. Writer-director Greta Gerwig (*Lady Bird*) has hinted that she's put a modern and meta spin on the seemingly perfect doll . . . with Mattel's full cooperation. To that end, it's been reported that Issa Rae and Hari Nef play alternative versions of Barbie, while Simu Liu and Ncuti Gatwa are 2.0 versions of Ken.

THE OUTLOOK

All signs point to fantastic plastic. "Gosling and Robbie aren't going to be in a movie called *Barbie* unless it has some gravitas," Dergarabedian says. "This could be something impactful that also entertains."



BARBIE BY JAAP BUITENDIJK (2); LEGALLY BLONDE BY MOVIESTORE COLLECTION LTD/ALAMY

LEGALLY BLONDE 3

TO BE ANNOUNCED

THE STORY

Considering the sheer volume of *Legally Blonde* re-airings, it's hard to believe that more than two decades have passed since we first watched **Reese Witherspoon**'s Gemini vegetarian Harvard law student defy all those stereotypes. Now the ever-endearing Elle Woods is reportedly trying to juggle motherhood and her career in her 40s.

THE SCOOP

Though the third chapter was greenlit back in 2018, as of press time, the cameras have yet to start rolling. (All together now: What, like it's hard?). "I'm still hoping it's going to come together the right way," says Witherspoon, also a producer. "I feel like these characters are my friends, so I want to safeguard them. I would never want to make the subpar, mediocre version of their story." At least co-screenwriter Mindy Kaling has confirmed that **Jennifer Coolidge** will reprise her part as Paulette the manicurist.

THE OUTLOOK

Oh, (bend and) snap! Who wouldn't want another day in court with Elle Woods?

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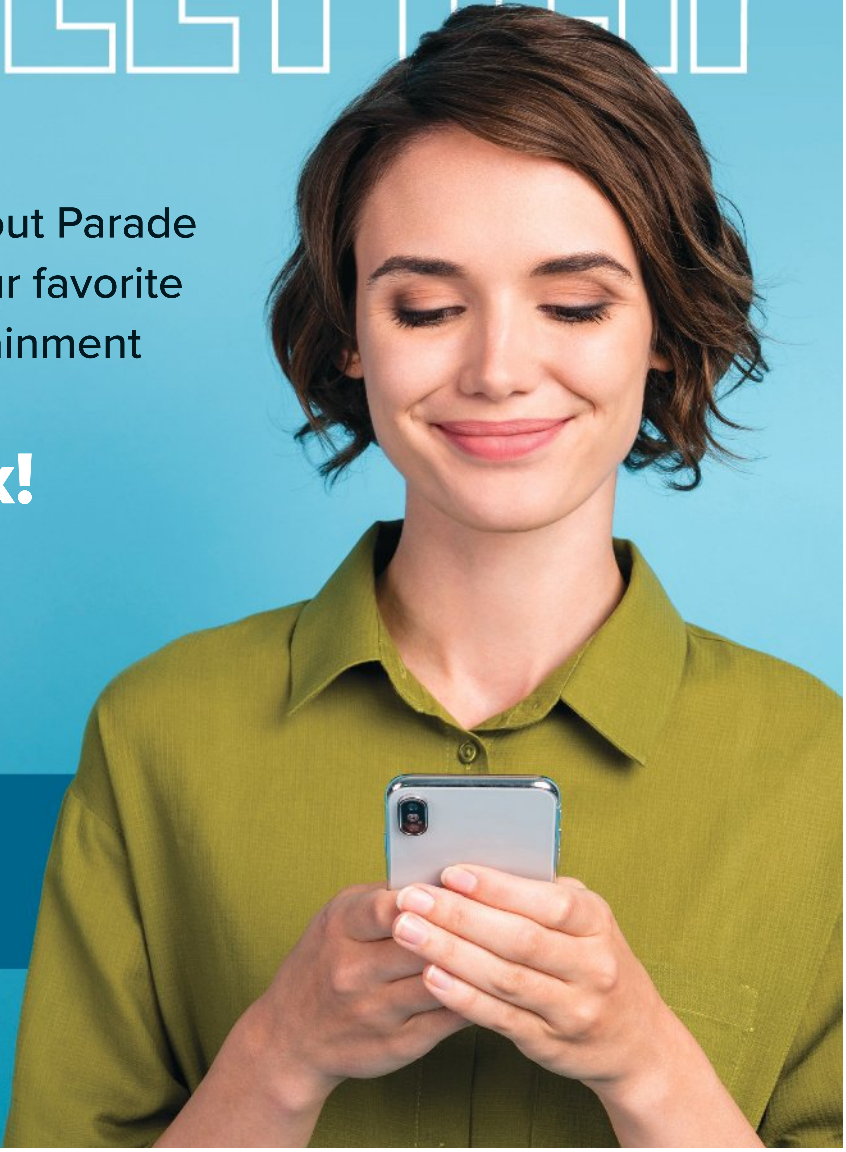

Ask Marilyn

BY MARILYN VOS SAVANT

Find solutions to Marilyn's puzzles and this week's Numbrix on the next page!

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Send questions to
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> **I read your column every week and have been fascinated by the times you've described how our minds may play tricks on us. Maybe you can answer this: Now and then, in the middle of the night, I hear someone knock on the front door. When I lived alone, no way would I open the door then, so this sound would leave me awake and unsettled. Then it happened again recently, so I asked my boyfriend if he heard it, but he did not. What's going on?**
>
> ***—Ann Telford, Tucson, Arizona***

The phenomenon is called an auditory hallucination, and it's quite common in healthy people. (Don't let the term hallucination scare you.) Most often, it occurs while we're in the process of falling asleep or waking up. In those cases, it's due to the brain being partly in a dreaming state. If it happens in the middle of the night, it may be caused by insufficient sleep (thus provoking sleep/wake confusion), stress, or a dream. The noises "heard" are often familiar or ordinary—a text alert, a knock, a phone ringing. But they may also be scary, such as burglar alarm or even an explosion.

Then again, it's possible that you heard a real sound that you identified as a knock, and your boyfriend simply didn't.

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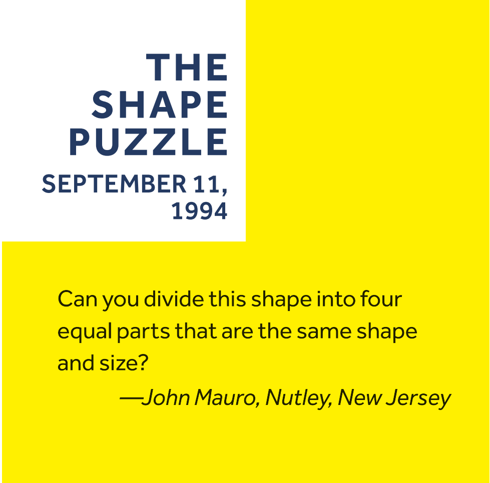

THE SHAPE PUZZLE

SEPTEMBER 11, 1994

Can you divide this shape into four equal parts that are the same shape and size?

—John Mauro, Nutley, New Jersey

MARILYN'S WORD TEASER

JANUARY 17, 1999

This week's work is **PUNGLE.** What's the definition?

A. To fork over a donation
B. A dance similar to a tango
C. A kind of foul-smelling cheese
D. To foul up a delicate assignment

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BY MARILYN VOS SAVANT

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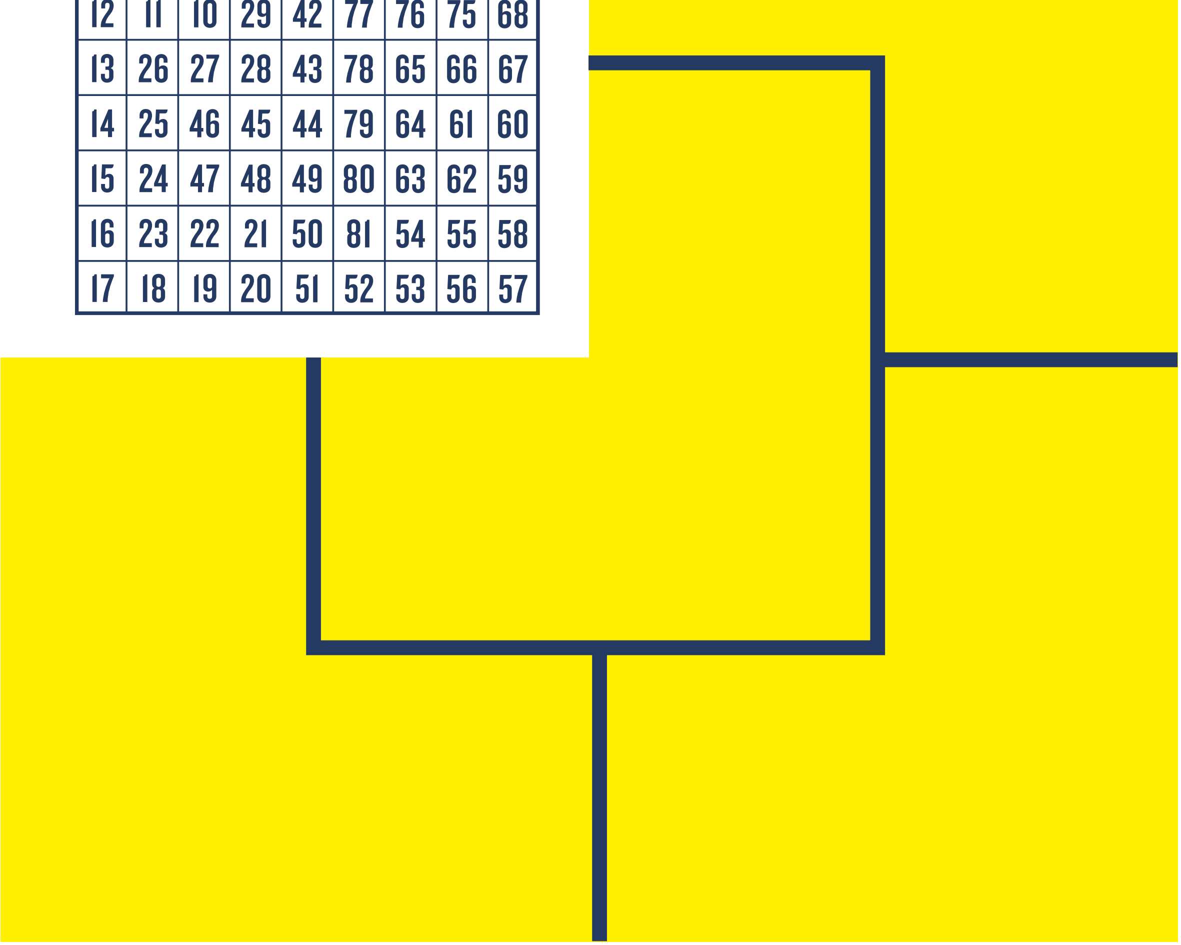
THE SHAPE PUZZLE

This is one possible solution from Marilyn.



MARILYN'S WORD PUZZLE

THE ANSWER IS A. To "pungle" is to fork over a donation or make a contribution.

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